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Good pals are enemies for 90 minutes

BATTLE ROYAL

HONOURS
EVEN AT
THE END

BY TOM ANDERSON

HIGH tension, bluff and bravado ruled the roost when two old pals pitted their wits against each other on the bench as Parramatta and West Adelaide did battle at Melita Stadium last Sunday night.

And despite their long standing friendship, there was no love lost in this fight for CCSL leadership. They both called the shots like true professionals with no quarter asked and certainly none given.

But at the end of the night, after a ding-dong 90 minutes, it was even - a 2-2 draw. When the final whistle sounded, ace Parramatta coach Rale Basic and West Adelaide mentor Raul Blanco shock hands and got back to normal living - pals once again! This typified what the game of football should be all about and showed two great characters at their brilliant best.

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RALE BASIC



RAUL BLANCO

What ABSW says...

It's critical!

ONE important issue that must surely be addressed by the ASF is the acute decline in the standard of refereeing in the CCSL.

No doubt once again, as many times in the past, we will be accused of taking a 'cheap shot' at the men in black by pointing out this fact.

But in the name of fair play, the situation is critical and some of the men appointed to control CCSL games at the present time, are just not up to the high standard required.

And, if the situation is allowed to continue, there will be trouble in the stadiums - both on the playing arena and in the stands.

For the players, coaches and the fans are quickly becoming frustrated by inept refereeing

And this frustration could explode, if not quickly defused.

Surely the time has now come for the ASF or even the useless Oceania Confederation, to bring top grade referee instructors to this country from overseas, to get our whistlers in tune with the modern game.

No doubt however, until the situation improves, our players and coaches will have to bite their tongues otherwise they will be charged with bringing the game into disrepute!

This is a joke, but unfortunately a sad situation our athletes have to grin and bear.

Maybe they should recall the story about the old Russian peasant who was walking along in the icy evening and as he came towards home a little bird fell out of the

air, frozen stiff by the icy wind. He picked it up, musing there was nothing he could do for it and then threw it on to the warm dung heap beside the door. After that he went to sleep on his stove as Russian peasants do.

But the bird actually wasn't dead, it was merely frozen stiff; the warmth of the dung heap revived it and it sat up and warbled a pean of joy at still being alive; whereupon a passing fox heard the song, came over and gobbed it up.

The Moral is: He that puts you in it is not necessarily your enemy; he that gets you out of it is not necessarily your friend; and if you do find yourself in it don't make too much of a song about it!

- THE EDITOR



Sao Paulo star Muller

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USA '94 MASCOT

'STRIKER', a smiling dog with a nose for goals, was chosen as the official mascot for the 1994 World Cup Finals in the USA.

"Striker is the player in the team who always gets the job done and who can be counted on to take the ball, score and excite the crowd," Organising Committee Vice President Jim Trecker said as he announced the choice.

Over 25,000 people participated in World Cup USA's 'Name the Mascot' poll.



WORLD YOUTH CUP

ASF chairman John Constantine and project manager George Dick have returned from Zurich, Switzerland, where they submitted their report for next year's World Youth Championships.

FIFA were informed on stadiums, hotels, transport, security and arrangements for the draw at Sydney's Darling Harbour on November 20.

"We presented to FIFA that the draw should be as attractive as possible and that some seedings should be possible," said Constantine.

"Our aim is to make sure there is a balanced grouping for the championship because it's important we get big support

from the public."

Dick said the meeting also reviewed regulations for the tournament including the new ruling on players' eligibility.

Under the rule, to be introduced in 1995, a player can only compete in one age tournament and participants in Australia next year will not be eligible for the 1995 under-20 competition.

He said there was still some fine-tuning to be completed on match times to meet requirements for satellite and television bookings.

"Matches can be played at either day or night time."

"That will be at the discretion of the host country," he said.

SCOREBOARD

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
West Adelaide	5	3	2	0	10	5	11
Parramatta	5	3	2	0	8	4	11
Marconi	5	3	0	2	6	8	9
Adelaide City	5	2	2	1	4	3	8
Melbourne CSC	5	2	1	2	10	7	7
Wollongong City	5	1	4	0	4	3	7
Morwell	5	2	1	2	7	7	7
Sth Melbourne	5	2	1	2	6	7	7
Heidelberg	5	1	3	1	7	7	6
Brisbane CSC	5	2	0	3	6	7	6
Olympic	5	1	2	2	5	7	5
Newcastle	5	1	2	2	3	5	5
Brisbane Utd	5	1	1	3	5	6	4
Preston	5	0	1	4	4	9	3

(NOTE: Preston has had deducted four points by the CCSL)

RESULTS

NEWCASTLE 0 v SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Amarante 1, Boutsalas 1) at Milne

10 Stadium. Crowd: 3,891.

MORWELL 2 (Wright 61, 80) v SYDNEY CSC 0 at Critigen Reserve.

Crowd: 2,500.

MARCONI 2 (Harper 58, McCulloch 68) v PRESTON 1 (Jackson 71) at Marconi

Stadium. Crowd: 3,154.

MELBOURNE CSC 3 (Banks 57, Pendlebury 76, 82) v BRISBANE 1 (Brown 48) at

Somers Street. Crowd: 1,006.

HEIDELBERG 2 (Painlides 61, 81) v SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Bernal 74, Cardozo

76) at Olympic Village. Crowd: 4,500.

PARRAMATTA 2 (Sojourner 13, Reda 19) v WEST ADELAIDE 2 (Iriarte 40, Brown

36) at Maitland Stadium. Crowd: 3,128.

ADELAIDE CITY 0 v WOLLONGONG CITY 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Crowd: 3,800.

CROWDS

Total Round 5 21,173

Avg. per game 3,024

Avg. per round 22,985.

LEADING SCORERS

4 Marshall Soper (PE)

3 Mark Brazzale (WA), Greg Brown (WA), Jose Iriarte (WA), Con Boutsalas (Sm), Michael Reda (PE), Billy Wright (MF), John Gibson (SCSC), Derek Hunter (H), Olle Pendlebury (MCSC).

Just magnificent!

This was real top of the table fare



PARRAMATTA 2
WEST ADELAIDE 2



BY FRANK SCICLUNA

THE top of the table clash which produced a sensational 2-2 draw between Parramatta Eagles and West Adelaide at South Granville on Sunday night can only be described in one word — magnificent.

After 90 minutes chock full of commitment, controversy, super entertainment and quality football it climaxed with a last gasp equaliser by the Eagles which left the crowd breathless.

If the Coca Cola Soccer League can consistently dish

sort of high drama, attendance figures will undoubtedly go through the roof.

The long standing friendship and respect which rival coaches Rale Rasic and Raul Blanco hold for each other must have been greatly enhanced by the performance turned on by their teams who have now dispelled any doubt that the competition is being led on merit.

An absorbing first half which was dominated by the Eagles for half an hour and saw them take an early lead suddenly was turned around by two stunning goals from the Sharks which could have easily set up their most crucial

win of the season so far.

This pulsating contest was set alight in just eight minutes when David Lowe looked to be brought down inside the box but the Eagles disappointment at having their appeal turned down was soon forgotten five minutes later after Sharks defender Robbie Slager charged into Soper giving him the perfect chance to draw first blood from the penalty spot.

But an inspired spell by Jose Iriarte before the break saw him bring out a splendid save from Parramatta keeper Peter Gunning, send over a perfect cross for Greg Brown to slam home the equaliser a few seconds later then grab the lead for the Sharks five minutes before the break with an unstoppable drive from the edge of the area.

It was truly a first half of rousing end-to-end football which fully met the high expectations of the fortunate fans in attendance.

Although the pace in the second period was less frenetic, it still produced plenty of interest and its fair share of drama as the Eagles somehow managed to hang on despite having to rely on Gunning to keep them in the game with at least three superlative saves which could have wrapped up the points for West Adelaide.

His reflex one-handed grab at a close range Iriarte header and twice stopping certain goals from Brown and



Parramatta's Paul Foster stopped by West Ad's Robbie Hooker

substitute Jimmy Tsekinis created the opportunity for Parramatta to retain its unbeaten record.

With the rain pouring down and the Eagles' fans almost bereft of all hope, dynamic midfielder Michael Reda set off on one last desperate charge and played a deadly wall pass off substitute Gabriel Mendez before setting the stadium alight with

an equaliser right at the death.

To every player who participated in this wonderful match and to Rasic and Blanco who craftily masterminded it, we have to give a huge thank you for a memorable night of marvellous entertainment.

PARRAMATTA EAGLES: Gunning, Ciantar, Orlic (Adioski 45), Gomez, Wheatley, Reda, Falzon, Foster, Soper, Gunning, Lowe (Mendez 52).

WEST ADELAIDE: Blazincic, Keramidas, Lazaridis, Slager, Hooker, Mills, Iriarte (Tsekinis 78), Blair, Brazzale, Gimenez, Brown.

SCORERS: Soper (13m pen), Reda (89m) for Parramatta. Brown

(36m), Iriarte (40m) for West Adelaide.

YELLOW CARDS: Falzon (75m) for Parramatta. Lazaridis (16m), Brazzale (48m), Keramidas (64m), Brown (83m), Gimenez (86m) for Adelaide.

REFEREE: P Hume.

CROWD: 3,120.

POINTS: Gunning 3, Iriarte 2, Blair 1.

ABSW PASCOE VALE SPORTSCENE PLAYER OF YEAR AWARD

STANDINGS AFTER ROUND 4

8 - Genc (Parra)
7 - Scott (Heid)
6 - Horsley (Woll), Smith (Woll)
5 - Traianedes (Preston)
4 - Popovic (Syd CSC), Stewart (New), Soper (Parra), Bonk (Melb CSC)
3 - Taliadoros (Marc), Sifakis (Heid), Grbevski (Ad C), Tobin (Ad C), Blair (West Ad), Lazaridis (West Ad), Blazinic (West Ad), Gimenez (West Ad), Pimbrett (Bris), Gibson (New), McFadden (Woll), Tombolato (Mor), Katholos (Oly), Milosevic (Oly), Tasios (South Mel), Hasler (South Mel), Lamond (Syd CSC), Milicic (Syd CSC).

NSL crowds, goals down

BY LOU GAUTIER

AFTER four Coca-Cola Soccer League rounds, attendances were almost 12 per cent down on last season.

Ninety six thousand three hundred and seventy nine (96,379) spectators is the official figure released by the NSL secretariat.

The corresponding figure last season was 109,295.

Poor weather, however, affected the first three rounds of the season, particularly accounting for a mediocre attendance of 19,958 only in Round 2.

The average per match after four rounds stood at 3,442 per game, as opposed to 3,903 last season.

The decrease is not as depressing

as it may seem at first sight, though. Last season attracted unusually large crowds in the opening nine rounds, only to peter out after that.

The 1991/92 season, however, did attract one of bigger overall turnouts for several years, with 611,071 spectators passing through the turnstiles during the regular season.

Last season's average attendance per round was 23,563 — less than the 24,894 spectators who have watched the first four rounds of season 1991/92.

An interesting highlight of the early NSL rounds is the successful switch by Wollongong City to Friday evening fixtures.

Their first two home crowds were way above anything they attracted in the past on Sundays.

Brisbane are also doing better than last season by playing their home fixtures on Saturday nights.

GOALS DOWN

GOALS are also down on last season.

The four first rounds produced 66 goals, as against 80 in 1991/92 — a 17.5 per cent decrease.

The average per NSL match to date is a measly 2.35 per cent, compared to 2.8 at the same stage last season, but when the whole of season 1991/92 is taken into account, only 2.40 goals were scored per match.

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Oh so angry!

Both sides very unhappy after a hard fought game



HEIDELBERG UNITED 2



SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2

BY GREG BLAKE

THE OLYMPIC camp was fuming and the Heidelberg boys were stewing after an Olympic Village game which was always up for grabs went begging and finished all locked up at 2-2.

Four second half goals livened what had been a disappointing encounter, with the Bergers taking the lead, conceding two quick goals and then striking back to level with nine minutes left on the clock.

Peter Raskopoulos and his players probably had every right to feel hard done by, as they no doubt did behind closed dressing room doors.

Both Heidelberg goals came from the penalty spot and Olympic skipper Andrew

Bernal was given his marching orders by referee Tom McRoe with just four minutes left to play of a controversy-packed second half.

Bernal was dismissed for dissent, being shown the yellow by McRoe with 85 minutes down and then being pointed to the change rooms second later as he persisted with his verbal attack.

But one could sense his frustration on an afternoon when hot and cold Olympic probably produced the more clear cut chances in a finely balanced clash.

The penalty claims were line-ball, with the first coming just after the hour as Angie Goutzoulis and David Barrett wrestled to reach a George Slifkas cross and Goutzoulis hit the deck, apparently floored by the

Olympic defender's forearm.

Palatsides drilled the spot kick sweetly, but the strike wasn't enough to keep gutsy Olympic at bay for long.

Within 13 minutes Olympic was back on terms, with Bernal rising far post to smack home a header over Jeff Olver from Branko Milosevic's corner.

In the space of another three minutes the Sydneysiders had gone ahead, David Seal combining well with Milosevic before setting up substitute Pablo Cardozo to score with an unchallenged angled shot inside the far post.

This was the period of the game which gave the Heidelberg camp its heartburn, as once again, as double goalkicker Palatsides exclaimed afterwards, "it is always five minute periods of

games which are costing us".

This time the Bergers were lucky, being let off the hook as McRoe conjured a second penalty for the home side as the sands of time looked ready to run out.

Alistair Dick, on at half time to replace injured Phil Stubbins, lofted in a cross from the left which fell deep to the elusive Palatsides, once again running into attack.

Although the Heidelberg sweeper hardly appeared to be in a goalscoring position, Olympic giant Elias Augerinos saw fit to crunch Palatsides with a side-on body check, with McRoe having no hesitation in pointing to the spot.

Palatsides finished his good work with another conversion.

Both sides missed chances, David Clarkson hitting the woodwork for Heidelberg and Augerinos as well as Robbie Ironside returning the favour at the other end.

"It was our worst



EARLY SHOWER: ANDREW BERNAL

performance of the season, but we are still picking up points", said Heidelberg coach Gary Cole.

HEIDELBERG UNITED:
Oliver, Bratten, Bordignon, Scott, Palatsides, Clarkson, Stubbins (Dick HT), Slifkas, Hunter, Goutzoulis, MacNicol.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Lee, Augerinos, Bernal, Barratt, Tsekenis, Ironside, Milosevic, Seal, Katholos (Phillips 68), Poimer (Cardozo 60).

GOALS: Palatsides pen.61m and pen.81m

for Heidelberg; Bernal (sent off 86), Barrett, Ironside, Tsekenis, Milosevic, Seal, Katholos (Phillips 68), Poimer (Cardozo 60).
RED CARDS: Bernal 86m for Olympic
REFEREE: T. McRoe
CROWD: 4,500
VOTES: 3 - Milosevic (SO); 2 - Slifkas (H); 1 - Palatsides (H)

74m and Cardozo 76m.
YELLOW CARDS: Olver 32m and Scott 52m for Heidelberg; Tsekenis 34m, Ironside 81m and Bernal 85m for Olympic.

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VOTES: 3 - Milosevic (SO); 2 - Slifkas (H); 1 - Palatsides (H)

Homesters



MORWELL FALCONS 2



SYDNEY CSC 0

BY DAVID BEARD

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Falcons are real fighters in their own backyard

his shot parried by keeper Kalac into the path of Wright who gleefully tapped home.

Schaefer's frustrations were directed blatantly at his team's failure to capitalize on a plethora of early chances and even more squarely on the negative tactics of the Falcons early on.

Whilst that may sound like sour grapes, Schaefer is justified in his veiled criticisms.

Morwell, until early in the second period, were patently employing a kick and rush tactic that made for very unattractive viewing.

Bobby McLachlan brushed that accusation aside with the reality that his team was too inexperienced and immature to handle direct confrontation just yet.

Certainly Sydney, with some accuracy and fortune,

could have plundered an early unassailable lead.

Eric Hristodolou, full of running, and Robert Stanton, full of vision, both hit the post in the first half and many other opportunities throughout the match - and I'm talking many, many - were thwarted by the brilliance of Steve Mautone in the Morwell goal.

Zec, Krslovic, Lamond, Gibson and Milicic were all denied what appeared to be sure things at least once as the young custodian turned on an electrifying display under the overcast Gippsland skies.

Morwell's reversal of approach in the second half was a well needed tonic for a match plagued by scrappy exchanges and poor control. The Falcons following Wright's first goal were clearly pumped by an adrenalin rush that crushed

the morale of the visitors.

Waddell on one side of the midfield and Anthony Cassar on the other started to direct traffic against the earlier blockade of Hristodolou and Tom Milicevic and Bevincovski finally started to shine with some better service.

Towards the finale it was all one way traffic as the Falcons pushed home in search of more goals and perhaps more specifically Wright looked for his hat-trick.

Some excellent Kalac keeping and some desperate defence denied that from eventuating, but nothing was about to spoil the Morwell party.

For Sydney, who had arrived in Morwell a day earlier to acclimatize, it was the culmination of nightmare.

That kind of morale sapping loss will no doubt

test the resolve of the young Sydney side who are no doubt in for a roller-coaster season.

MORWELL: Mautone, Markovski, Harris, Thorpe, Della Rocca, Pender, Black, Bevincovski, Wright, Waddell, Cassar.

SYDNEY CSC: Kalac, Kupresak, Babic (Petkovic 80m), Milicevic, Rumora, Stanton, Lamond (Milicic 66m), Kralovic, Hristodolou, Gibson, Zec.

GOALS: Wright 60m and 80m for Morwell.

YELLOW CARDS: Black 14m for Morwell and Rumora 49m for Sydney.

REFEREE: Ziggy Mnich.

CROWD: 1500
VOTES: 3 - Mautone (MF), 2 - Wright (MF), 1 - Hristodolou (S).

Revitalised!

Pelucchi outstanding as the Fairfielders bounce back...



MARCONI 2



PRESTON 1

BY MIKE KOMADINA
IT was a completely revitalised Marconi that downed Preston 2-1 at Bassley Park last Friday night and captured three more valuable CCSL points.

The Fairfielders shook off the previous week's drubbing by Melbourne CSC and came back firing on all cylinders.

But not without a few shocks - even before a ball was kicked.

Marconi coach Frank Arok

dropped captain Ian Gray from his starting line-up, pushed George Jolevski into a midfield role and brought the experienced Jean-Paul de Marigny into the left back position. The moves worked and the match was won.

The first half was a dour affair with neither team willing to give an inch and percentage football the order of the night.

But it all changed in the second period. And in the 58th minute Marconi crashed into the lead by a penalty

from Andy Harper. Preston defender Steve Jackson pushed young Steve Corica in the area and Harper made no mistake with the spot kick.

By this time, Marconi's new import Ermanno Pelucchi had stamped his mark over the proceedings.

Pelucchi is all class and a marvellous player. Jean Paul de Marigny also looked good on his return and his overlapping runs on the left created problems for Preston.

Marconi went further ahead in the 68th minute when Tommy McCulloch slotted home a de Marigny pass.

It looked all over for Preston at this stage.

But with 20 minutes left to play, Fairfield defender Gary van Egmond obstructed John Markowski and Preston were awarded a penalty.

Steve Jackson netted the resulting spot kick.

Although they are still a good bit away from their best, Marconi did enough to give the impression they could be in business this season, by the time the play-offs come around.

Preston on the other hand

look to have problems.
MARCONI: Pezzano, van Egmond, de Marigny, Jolevski, Bingley, Kuleski, Pelucchi, McCulloch, Harper (Johnson 59th), Taliadoros, Corica (Gray 74).

PRESTON: Trajanedes, Petrov, Stojevski, Jackson, Parton, Tasevski, Trajevski, Avramevski (49th Lazanovski), Trajanovski (63rd Najdovski), Markovski, Zinni.

SCORERS: Harper 58th (pen), McCulloch 68, Jackson 71st (pen).

YELLOW CARDS: Jolevski (M), Pelucchi (M), Jackson (P), Petrov (P), Parton (P), Lazanovski (P).

REFEREE: Nick Asariotis.

CROWD: 3154.

POINTS: 3 Pelucchi, 2 de Marigny, 1 McCulloch.



Matthew Bingley

Their true colours



NEWCASTLE 0



SOUTH MELBOURNE 2

BY RICHARD FRENCH

SOUTH Melbourne's true colours came shining through when they knocked over the Newcastle Breakers 2-0 with two goals in the opening 15 minutes at Mitre 10 Stadium in Newcastle last Friday night.

From the tough defence of big Steve Blair in the middle at the back to the lightning-fast Francis Awaritefe up front, the former national league champions had too much class for Newcastle, at least in the first half.

After a slow start to the season, South Melbourne,

which won the title in 1990-91, now looks to be back on track toward its familiar place near the top of the table.

The always entertaining team made their attacking intentions clear literally from the kickoff and within 20 seconds had stunned the home crowd. Breakers coach Bruce Stowell was still walking to his seat when South Melbourne pushed forward on the right through Paul Trimboli who found Socceroo skipper Paul Wade in the box.

Wade, almost pushed over by Breakers right back Ralph Maier, managed to pop up a pass for Awaritefe and he hammered a volley over keeper Mike Gibson.

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Socceroos in the back of his mind.

Trimboli comprehensively beat marker Moffit, forcing veteran home captain Andy Koczka into a blatant clumsy trip.

South Melbourne's Con Boutsianis made penalty taking look easy with a lovely left foot strike into the top right of Gibson's net.

The Breakers came close to scoring in the 11th and 13th minutes when first striker Rod Brown and then defender Craig Moffit headed just wide of the target off Sprod crosses. But the match was all but finished off only a quarter of an hour after the opening goal when the sometime sluggish defence of the Breakers was totally exposed, again by Trimboli who must be playing with the incentive of a return to the

four minutes from the break the tone of much of the second half was set when a frustrated Moffit was booked for a body check on Awaritefe who had beaten him hands down.

The second half was notable for the Breakers' steely resolve not to throw in the towel and the tolerance of World Cup panel referee Richard Lorenc.

Newcastle came out firing in the second 45 minutes and kept South Melbourne pegged down.

Former Apia striker Rod Brown looked like working back to his pre-knee operation form with some great running off the ball and shots on goal aided by winger Nick Meredith who had a strike tipped over by Maclaren in the 72nd minute.

Their front running partner Warren Spink, who had scored in his first two Breakers games, was marked out by Blair and Danny Wright, drawing a yellow on Wright in the 70th

minute for a heavy challenge from behind.

But all - Newcastle's enterprise came to nothing and Gibson was forced into making some more desperate saves as Trimboli and Awaritefe broke quickly with great help from Hasler, the best being two point blank blocks off Trimboli in the 68th. During the fiery second half, Lorenc booked another three players, one Breaker and two from South Melbourne, but showed a lot of tolerance in allowing two Breakers to stay on.

Breakers sweeper Darren Stewart was lucky to escape in the 55th minute when he took a swing at Awaritefe after they locked arms chasing the ball, although he copped a yellow two minutes later for a similar offence.

Moffit, with a card already hanging round his neck for his first half dig at Awaritefe, cleaned up the same player in the 83rd minute with a very late tackle which left the dreadlocked Englishman writhing on the ground.

South's new coach, Jim Pyrgolios, was relieved that his side was finally showing the form its class of players should produce.

"After a bad start to the season, in which we haven't been playing that badly, this was a great boost for the players' confidence."

Pyrgolios said.

Stowell, while proud of his players' gutsy second half effort, was bitterly disappointed with the poor man.

"You cannot afford to give away two goals in the first 15 minutes," Stowell said.

"I didn't even see the first goal because I was still walking down the tunnel."

"I thought we did well in the second half and created a lot of chances, but we didn't put them away, and besides if you let in two goals early like that you cannot expect to win."

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Not the best!

Wolves frustrate City into a show of mediocrity....



ADELAIDE CITY 0
WOLLONGONG 0

BY TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE City sunk to mediocrity against Wollongong at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday when they were held 0-0.

For any neutral to be told that City fielded five current Socceroos would have evoked laughter.

Certainly City had the upper hand and dominated for most of the first half, but once again they collapsed in the second stanza and the Wolves almost pulled off victory.

Now City will go in against deadly rivals West Adelaide three points adrift this weekend.

Wollongong stay with the top group thanks to a fighting performance.

They were able to close down City by packing their defence, and last year's champions had no answer.

Only Socceroos Damien Mori looked likely to score as he shot, harried and took on defenders.

But when he got through John Filan the Wollongong goal was there.

The same rate met City's Joe Mullen, and Nemanja Obradovic when they got anywhere near scoring.

Over the 90 minutes both goalkeepers had very little to do when it came to dealing with direct shots.

However, it must be said that it was the Wolves who dictated the game, forcing City to play at the old fashioned "100 miles per hour" which does not suit their style.

At times the middle of the



park was packed with 20 players which must have made coaches of juniors shudder.

City's Mike Grbevski tried to open up play with his left flank runs, and even sent in a shot which had Filan diving.

Then Joe Mullen put one just over the bar for City, as did Carl Veart from an Obradovic cross.

Wollongong almost pulled off a goal when Dale White moved in, but home keeper Robert Zabica dived to take the ball off his feet.

Matt Horsley also got through for the Wolves, but hit the ball too high, then Filan came to the rescue of Wollongong when Mori shot low and the keeper dropped on the ball.

Into the second period and City began to fall apart.

fit Robert Csoboth and dropping Michael Brooks, an all-rounder who would leave most of the team for dead when it comes to enthusiasm and fitness.

For Wollongong coach David Ratcliffe this result was no disgrace, and he obviously has a team which can do more than defend, and perhaps if they had attacked from the kick-off against City they would have gone home with three points instead of one.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica, Shillabeer, Grbevski, Tobin, Ivanovic, Mullen, Melta, Mori, Veart, Obradovic, R Aloisi (Csoboth 63).

WOLLONGONG: Filan, Green, Yankos, M O'Shea, Bourke, McFadden, Horsley, Smith, Boniteg (Forshaw 87), White, Patalis (Bard 60).

YELLOW CARDS: Tobin, Aloisi for Adelaide. Yankos, White, O'Shea for Wollongong.

REFEREE: N Zachariadis.
POINTS: Melta 3, Mori 2, Yankos 1.



Alex Tobin

Flash finish



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MELBOURNE CSC staged a commando style finish to come from behind and plunder victory in fine fashion against Brisbane United last Sunday.

Melbourne's 3-1 result climaxed in an avalanche of second-half pressure after the visitors stunned the small home crowd by taking the lead in the 50th minute.

Bleiberg's Brisbane Bombers had thrown caution to the wind from the outset and in a number of thrilling moves in the first half had looked classy opponents.

Featuring Alan Hunter as a central striker to try and exploit a lack of height in the Melbourne defence, Brisbane mounted the early pressure in the match and could have edged in front on the half-hour when the skilful Chris Slater shot just wide in a quick-break move.

Moments later Hunter missed a golden opportunity to score when his point-blank header from a centre by Slater

was inexplicably sent wide.

Brisbane's woes continued just a minute later when John Brown adroitly chipped the 'keeper on a fast break and then watched in agony as the ball careered into the post and out to safety.

Melbourne also had their share of first half action with Oliver Pondejajak simply superb in a relentless role of providing a target man for the silky midfield skills of Bogdan Bonk and Josip Biskic.

The "Killer B's" were an awesome combination for the home side and they naturally featured in the buildup to Melbourne's best chance in the opening half in the 44th minute. Bonk's sterling pass looked lost after a bad bounce on the slippery turf, but Pondejajak, playing like a man possessed, somehow twisted and cajoled the ball into his path before firing a shot that was superbly saved by Mirko Runje.

John Brown erased his earlier misfortune and then some, when he opened the scoring for Brisbane just three minutes after the interval.

Hooking a speculative volley from the edge of the box, Brown began his victory lap as the ball looped agonizingly over the head of a stranded David Miller.

Melbourne then hit the retro-rockets and proceeded to dominate. Bleiberg later blamed his players for getting overconfident at taking the lead, but in reality no amount of stoic pessimism would have saved them from what Melbourne were about to unleash.

Seven minutes after falling behind, Melbourne were level.

Credit that one to a fortuitous piece of play from Pondejajak and a smashing 20 yard drive from Bonk direct in front that almost tore the net. If the 79th minute, the Polish Rifle returned the favor when he turned in a ball from the right that the unstoppable Pondejajak sidefooted home with consummate aplomb.

That goal according to Bleiberg was the killer and if the final few minutes are any guide, that is an understatement.

Turning the screws, Melbourne launched wave after wave of attack, with naturally the Killer B's marshalling the troops.

With the work of Runje and some desperation defence a scoreline extension looked unlikely, until up popped Pondejajak to header home in the final seconds after a perfect cross from Biskic.

MELBOURNE: Miller,

GOALS: Bonk 57m, Pondejajak 79m and 92m for Melbourne, Brown 50m for Brisbane.

YELLOW CARDS: Cahut 7m for Brisbane.

REFEREE: John Rutter.

CROWD: 1000

VOTES: 3 - O. Pondejajak (M), 2 - B. Bonk (M), 1 - J. Biskic (M).

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Filan still has sweet dreams

BY PHIL MURPHY

WOLLONGONG City goalkeeper John Filan is one of the glamour players of the Coca-Cola Soccer League and he is destined to play in more glamorous surroundings than Brandon Park.

Filan is back with the Wolves and doing a top job for coach David Ratcliffe, but his ambition is still to land a lucrative overseas contract.

The 22-year-old keeper was hoping to achieve that goal when he set off to the Barcelona Olympics earlier this year.

It is now history that Filan became a cruel victim of fate in the opening match against Ghana.

AWFUL

There was that awful deflection off the Australian wall which allowed Ghana to score one of its goals as Filan dived to the right the original direction the ball had taken.

Later in the game, a diving Filan was beaten by a shot after the ball struck a divisor and bounced over his head.

How did he feel?

"I was devastated; no-one will really know just how I felt when I realised that ball had deviated and it was going into the net," Filan said.

"In that split second I thought that all I had been working for could have wasted."

"It was a very lonely feeling because we had been really confident of beating Ghana."

"I was dropped for the second game and under the circumstances felt I had been

made a scapegoat.

"(Coach) Eddie Thomson went for Mark Bosnich in the next four games and I came back for the playoff for third spot."

While a number of the Australian players packed their bags to join European clubs at the end of the Olympics, Filan returned to Sydney.

He had always been confident he could have attracted offers but simply didn't get the opportunity.

"If I had kept my spot, I think I would have done well enough for clubs to have inquired about me," Filan said.

"It was a bitter disappointment but I am still young enough to get another chance."

"Obviously my aim now is to keep playing well with Wollongong and hold my spot in the Socceroo squad for the World Cup qualifiers next year."

Filan's misfortune in Barcelona has been a boost for the Wolves, not to mention an 18-year-old goalkeeper named Derek Noffke.

Noffke, who lives near Wollongong, played with Sutherland in the State League.

BEST

He is now second-string to Filan and learning the ropes from one of the best in the business.

The youngster seemed destined to be thrown in at the deep end recently as it wasn't clear if Filan would return to the club.

A season under Filan's guidance will certainly improve Noffke's future

prospects in the NSL.

Filan became a top keeper through sheer hard work and that reflects in his training at Brandon Park,

He is usually one of the first to arrive and one of the last to leave.

If any of the other players want to hang around for shooting practice, Filan is only too keen to oblige.

Ratcliffe describes Filan as a coach's dream. "He is a brilliant goalkeeper who makes the job look so easy," Ratcliffe said.

REAL

"Johnny is a real role model for any young goalkeeper.

"He works hard at training and deserves to achieve his ambition of making it in Europe.

"Obviously I am happy to have him in my side but if a club offers him a contract tomorrow I would be pleased for him."

Filan arrived at Brandon Park last season on loan from St George and played a major role in the club making the playoffs.

Having him back this campaign is an unexpected bonus for the Wolves.

The young man who loves nothing more than to sleep for a couple of hours as part of his match preparation and makes taking high crosses look so easy, is enjoying his football.

"Everyone at Wollongong wants success and things are going well on and off the field," Filan said.

"The setup at Brandon Park is great; players who arrive there for the first time are always very impressed.

"We have a good side with

everyone working for each other.

"It is great to play behind such a strong defence and it makes my job a little bit easier."

Charlie Yankos and Mick O'Shea provide Wollongong with a great centre-back combination and I don't think we will give much away this season.

"We have to be looking at making the playoffs again."

A talented cricketer during his school days in Sydney, Filan enjoys a game of golf and might yet decide to go back to university.

Two years ago, he was admitted to a business administration course but didn't even attend a lecture.

"That was when I made up my mind to go all out with my soccer career," Filan said.

"I decided to put everything into working for an overseas contract."

"That involved my last season with St George and last season in Wollongong leading up to the Olympics."

PLAN

Everything was going to plan when Australia did the impossible in Holland, eliminating the Dutch in that amazing second leg.

While Ned Zelic was hailed the hero with his late winning goal, it had been Filan who kept the Olyroos in the game.

He made two brilliant saves shortly before Zelic cracked the Dutch defence.

The ultimate success story hasn't come true yet but John Filan gives the impression it will be just a matter of time.



John Filan

Riot act read!

MARCONI coach Frank Arok has read the riot act to his players and warned them to change their attitude.

Twice national league champion, Marconi won two of its three opening matches but then crashed 4-0 against Melbourne CSC.

"I'm very disappointed with some of the team and their performances and they've been told what the club expects in contribution and attitude."

"The team lacks consistency and I need to change certain beliefs in the minds of players."

Arok said that when Marconi won the NSL in 1988 and 1989 the team had played

together for five years.

In the past season, the club lost or sold players and brought in new members, but has still managed to get away to a better start than for the previous two seasons.

"We have all types of problems. There are three languages spoken in the team as well as mine," Arok said.

"Serbian signing Blagoja Kuleski has new players in front and behind him and doesn't speak English."

"When he gets excited he starts shouting in Serbian and no one can understand him."

Matthew Bingley, keeper Tony Pezzano and Francesco Pellegrini have been the most

consistent players in the opening rounds and Arok is still waiting for some of the other team members to fire.

He has been disappointed by the lack of scoring from striker Kim Taliadoros, who came from South Melbourne with a big reputation.

"But he's not getting very good service in the scoring area," Arok said.

"He can't be called a striker until he scores but once he gets his first goal he may then score in every game."

"Our supporters are tired of the club having to chase the pack. We'd like to change that and stay with the leaders," Arok said.



Slagoya Kuleski

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

Northern and Southern Divisions

Reports from Roy Hay in Victoria and David Cooper in NSW

SOUTHERN DIVISION

BY ROY HAY

THE Victorian Institute of Sport pulled off a great 1-0 defeat of Heidelberg United in Round Five of the National Youth League (Southern Division) at Olympic Village.

Ernie Merrick and Ian Greener gave five of the 15-year-olds a run in this match and the youngsters did not let them down.

The VIS should have gone ahead early but Steve Panopoulos drove a penalty kick wide.

Heidelberg mounted spells of intense pressure and with the score locked at 0-0 the VIS brought on Chris Sterjovski and Robert Liucci late in the game. When VIS got its second penalty Sterjovski stepped up to bury it and gain the victory.

Sunshine George Cross rocked league leader Springvale City with two first half goals at Dobson Reserve, but Springie hit back on either side of the interval to secure a

draw.

Troy Hardy from Geelong on his debut of Georgie scored two cracking goals.

The first came after Sunshine regained the ball in defence and set Hardy away.

As the defence retreated he fired in a shot from 25 metres which flew over keeper Paul Malcolm and crashed into the net off the underside of the bar.

The second came after a good one-two with Alan Muscat.

Pasquale Grela got the last touch after shots by Darren McClenaghan and David Grela had been blocked to get Springie back into the game, then McClenaghan headed home Raymond Chrystal's cross for the equaliser.

Melbourne CSC defeated South Melbourne Colts by four goals to one. Leo Štolica got two, Zdravko Golembiovski and Petar Trpkovic one apiece. Angie Postecoglou replied for the Colts from the spot.

Denis Bergam of the Melbourne CSC was the outstanding player on the field but both sides gave full value with hard running effort.

Brunswick United downed Altona Gate in a match

switched to the Veneto club. Mathew Lang put United ahead in 20 minutes, and Mauro Sasso added a second goal ten minutes later.

The league's leading scorer, Tony Neceski pulled one back for Altona Gate in injury time in the first half and neither side could add to its tally thereafter.

In the second match at that venue, Preston beat the home team Bulleen by two goals to nil. Alan Gentry used some of his younger players and Damien Everets in particular looked in excellent touch as an attacking midfielder.

Chris Malina started the move which led to the first Preston goal and Gerry McAleer nodded Vlatko Misevski's pass back across goal for Nick Lazarevski to finish. McAleer got the second after the Bulleen keeper could not hold on to a fierce Nick Georgopoulos shot.

Morwell Falcons had a comfortable 3-0 win over Heidelberg United Colts at Crinigan Reserve.

Juan Nilo and Michael McAuley scored in the first half, and Nilo added a second after the interval. The match was played in a good spirit, but Morwell was always in

control.

The game between Melbourne CSC Colts and South Melbourne Colts was not played.

On Wednesday two catch-up games are to be played between Heidelberg United and Brunswick United and between South Melbourne Colts and Morwell Falcons. Both will kick off at 5.45 pm.

LEADING GOALSCORERS

5 Neceski (AG)
3 Marino (Bul), Haritos (SM), Grela (SC), Tricarico (VIS).

THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

All kick-offs 4.00 pm, except where indicated.

Wednesday 4 November 1992

South Melbourne Colts v Morwell Falcons (5.45 pm)

Heidelberg United v Brunswick United

(5.45 pm)

Saturday 7

November 1992

South Melbourne Colts v Bulleen

Heidelberg United Colts v Sunshine George Cross

Sunday 8

November 1992

VIS v Melbourne CSC

Altona Gate v Heidelberg United

Springvale City v Brunswick United

Sth Melbourne v Morwell

Falcons (3.45 pm)

Preston v Melbourne CSC

Colts (3.45 pm)

1992

HEIDELBERG UTD 0 VIS

1 (Sterjovski),

MELBOURNE CSC 4

(Štolica 2, Golembiovski,

Trpkovic) STH

MELBOURNE COLTS 1

(Postecoglou),

SUNSHINE GC 2 (Hardy

2) SPRINGVALE CITY 2

(Grela, McClenaghan),

BRUNSWICK UTD 2

(Lang, Sasso) ALTONA

GATE 1 (Neceski),

BULLEEN 0 PRESTON 2

(Lazarevski, McAleer).

LEAGUE LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Plts
Springvale C.	5	2	3	0	14	5	9
VIS	3	3	0	0	10	1	9
Sth Melb.	4	2	2	0	11	3	8
Preston	4	2	2	0	6	2	8
Brun'sck Utd J.	4	2	1	1	6	8	7
Melb. CSC	4	1	3	0	8	5	6
Morwell F.	3	2	0	1	8	8	6
Bulleen	5	1	2	2	10	12	5
Heidelberg Utd	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Melb. CSC Colts	3	1	1	1	4	7	4
Altona Gate	5	1	1	3	8	12	4
Sunshine GC	5	0	3	2	6	11	3
Sth Melb. Colts	4	0	1	3	4	10	1
Heidelberg U.C. 4	0	0	4	2	14	0	

NB: 3 points for a win



THIS WEEKEND'S COCA-COLA SOCCER LEAGUE FIXTURES

ROUND 6

Friday November 6

Wollongong C v Heidelberg Utd 7.45pm Brandon Park

Saturday November 7

Brisbane Utd v Marconi Ffield 7.00pm Perry Park

Sunday November 8

Sydney Olympic v Melbourne CSC 6.30pm St. George Stad
West Adelaide v Adelade City 8.00pm Hindmarsh Stad
Sydney CSC v P'matta Eagles 7.00pm Croatian Spts C.
Sth Melbourne v Morwell Falcons 5.45pm Middle Park
Preston v Newcastle BHP 5.45pm Connor Res.

Full match details and results are available on the C.C.S.L Hotline 0055 21166.

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NORTHERN DIVISION

BY DAVID COOPER

PREVIOUS leaders Marconi suffered a big defeat at the hands of the AIS, to allow Sydney Olympic to take over as front-runner.

The round again saw wet weather have its influence on the youth league competition, with one game called off and numerous others splayed on slippery surfaces.

Newcastle BHP got the round off to a surprise start when they handed out a 7-0 thrashing to Sydney Olympic Colts.

It wasn't meant to be the Colts' night, as they had to get changed in the bus on the way to the ground after it had broken down. With the game delayed a few minutes, the players then virtually had to run onto the field straight from the bus, with no time for a warm-up.

However, to their credit the Colts side started off well and went close on a number of occasions. Newcastle also had their chances to score, being denied by the crossbar and the posts four times.

They did however, score the only goal of the first half when in the 35th minute Troy Halpin was on the spot for his first.

The second half saw the floodgate open with Newcastle making the most of the chances that came their way.

Dean Adamson scored his fourth goal of the season when he hit a shot from 20 yards which gave the goalkeeper no chance.

Shane Pryce then scored his first goal for the club, when he made a run from the backline

to join the attack and finish off what was a well worked move.

Luke Morris then added a fourth before Adamson scored his second and BHP fifth. Halpin then scored his second from the penalty spot after he was brought down in the box, with Shaun Matthews finishing off the scoring late in the game.

A great second half by the AIS saw them run out convincing 4-1 winners over a disappointing Marconi side.

In what is usually a hard fought and even contest, Marconi could do nothing to stop a very committed and hard-working AIS outfit.

Marconi started off on a bright note, when in the third minute, Fabio Macolino laid a good ball to Luke Casserley, who in turn crossed for Darren Lloca who made no mistake with his header.

The rest of the half remained very even with neither side giving an edge. With the game evenly poised, the AIS suddenly clicked up a few gears catching Marconi off guard and in the process scoring four second half goals.

Mark Viduka led the charge netting a hatrick, while Joel Marino completed the scoring.

Sydney CSC Colts blew a two goal lead and their first win of the season after drawing with Wollongong City 3-3.

Wollongong took the lead after 10 minutes when Stephen Krishna scored, however from there on the Colts side dominated. Zeljko Babic equalised in the 20th minute with a near header, then Paul Bilokapic put them ahead in the 35th.

Ten minutes into the second half Danny Graham made it 3-1 and they looked to be well on the way towards a win, however a rotten piece of luck with only nine minutes

remaining saw Joe Vrkic put the ball into his own net to make it 3-2.

With the game still in the balance, Wollongong pushed men forward and came up with an equaliser when Krishna scored his second.

Sydney CSC had to survive a late scare before defeating a much improved St. George 2-1.

Joe Caleta, returning from injury, opened the scoring in the 38th minute. Mario Jerman made it 2-0 soon after halftime and then with only minutes remaining Jovan Krstevski pulled a goal back but they couldn't get the equaliser.

Sydney Olympic remain the only undefeated side after they thrashed Bonnyrigg White Eagles 9-1. Peter Vezos kept up his good goalscoring form by scoring a hatrick to take his tally to seven.

Vassili Kalogeracos opened up the scoring in the 20th minute then Vezos opened his account six minutes later.

Tony Drouzas scored the first of his two in the 30th

minute then Sinisa Cupac scored for Bonnyrigg a minute later.

Vezos then completed his hatrick to make it 5-1 at halftime.

Stephen Hickman scored soon after the break and this was followed by further goals to Tony Allivio, Drouzas and Warren Hayward.

RESULTS

NEWCASTLE BHP 7 (Adamson, Halpin 2, Morris, Pryce, Matthews)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

COLTS 0, MARCONI 1 (Lloca) AIS 4 (Viduka 2, Marino), ST GEORGE 1 (Krstevski) SYDNEY CSC

2 (Caleta, Jerman), SYDNEY CSC COLTS 3 (Babic, Graham, Bilokapic)

WOLLONGONG CITY 3 (Krstevski 2 og), SYDNEY

OLYMPIC 9 (Vezos 3, Drouzas 2, Allivio, Hayward, Hickman, Kalogeracos)

BONNYRIGG 1 (Cupac)

ADELAIDE'S BIG MATCH!

ROUND 6
PREVIEW

SYDNEY MORWELL

THE HOUSE FULL
sign will go up at Hindmarsh when fierce local rivals West Adelaide and Adelaide City go quite simply an round six.

tles against Morwell and Sydney Olympic respectively, while at the bottom Preston host the battling Newcastle on Sunday.

At Hindmarsh a fixture that attracts 10,000 plus crowds every season, will now have the added incentive of two of the top clubs in the land, with current leaders Wests, stepping out from behind City's shadow for the first time in over a decade.

The Sharks remain unbeaten and have averaged two goals a game in the opening five rounds, have begun more confidently than their long time nemesis.

Greg Brown, Mark Brazzale and Jose Iriate have all added three goals apiece to Wests cause, while the zebras have struggled to find the flow than captured the double last campaign.

Steve Maxwell fails to impress enough and remains on the bench, while new scoring machine Carl Veart has hardly worried any of his opposing keepers, since starring for the Olyroos and the Socceroos recently.

Damien Mori the real coup signing for



JOE MULLEN

Zoran Matic in the off season has played well in patches, but has not filled the void left by Ernie Tapai, on walkabout somewhere in Stoke.

The City defence is almost overstuffed with talent, boasting a near International backline that could prove the difference in what should be a tight contest.

During a long association in the National League these two local enemies have met 26 times with Wests managing just six victories, however, with Raul Blanco commanding this new look Sharks outfit, the changing of the guard in South Australia could emerge this Sunday.

Sydney Olympic's impressive home record over the past season and a bit will come under siege when the rampaging Melbourne CSC pay a visit on Sunday.

Unbeaten in the

previous 15 at St George Stadium is a proud but unstable Olympic record, and without the suspended Andrew Bernal, the vastly improved visitors could end the run.

Despite playing minus the talents of Mori, Francis Awaritefe and Branko Milosevic, the Victorians have walloped their opposition in recent matches, adding nine goals in their last three matches.

Milosevic has played in this CSC side in this frame of mind all too often in recent seasons, to relish the task he will have to stop their charge this weekend.

Melbourne's strike force will be awesome for the inexperienced Olympic backline, Ollie Podeljak three in his last two starts, the elegant Bogdan Bonk with two in two weeks alongside goal-poaching Ivan Kelic back to near his best after an injury plagued

season rocked his confidence last campaign.

The home side will look for David Seal to repay more of his huge transfer fee, his first goal should have relieved the pressure from his lean shoulders, but his tussle with George Hannah in the middle of the park.

It has been eight since the last won here, but CSC are unbeaten in their previous three starts, and Olympic have only accounted for Newcastle in a miserable opening to the new season.

Marconi, yet to master winning away from home, come up against the ultimate test in Brisbane in their own backyard on Saturday evening.

While the Fairfielders have strung together three wins from three starts at home, away from Boscombe Park they have lost twice conceding five goals.

Jean Paul De Marigny's reintroduction to the defence should help to stem the flow of goals against the Fairfielders, who have conceded eight in just five games.

Coach Frank Arok continues with problems all over the park, Kim Taliadoros is yet to score, Gus Cerro is in dispute with the club, Ian Gray can't find a place, Blagoja Kukesi can't speak English and Matthew Bingley is not the answer to Arok's defensive woes.

United while struggling for results, are again proving unassailable at Perry Park, unbeaten and registering their only win to date over Morwell at home.

Danny Halligan,

John Brown and Chris Slater will make the visitors huddle if they fail to shore up their leaky defence.

Wollongong City's steely resolve at home will be tested when they host Gary Cole's entertainers, Heidelberg, at Brandon Park Friday evening.

The Bergers have drawn their past three matches on the trot, but are unbeaten since losing narrowly at Marconi in the opening round.

In paper the Heidelberg midfield led by Dave Clarkson and George Sliskas will be expected to dictate, but whether Angie Goutzioulis and Derek Hunter can fight their way through the Wolves' tight five, with Richard Lloyd back from suspension is another matter.

Heidelberg in six visits have never won at Brandon Park, managing just one draw and five defeats, and collecting just four goals.

A draw here looks most likely, the Wolves again are unbeaten this season on their home patch conceding one goal, while Heidelberg are yet to win away from home.

South Melbourne will be expected to continue on their winning way when they host the plucky Morwell, while a draw is most likely when the drab Preston meet the equally uninviting Newcastle at Connor Reserve.

In the local Sydney clash, equal leaders Parramatta will have Paul Sounis and Aytekin Genc back after suspension, and should continue Sydney CSC's woes at the Croatian Sports Centre.

PERSONALITY ★ PLAYER ★



PLACE Queensland
CITY: Townsville
HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 178cm, 74kg
MARRIED: Engaged to Jane
HOME: Crows Nest
NICKNAME: Jay
CAR: Yet to buy one
OCCUPATION: Full-time soccer player
PREVIOUS CLUBS: AIS, Sydney Olympic, Panathinaikos (Greece), Kortrijk (Belgium), De Graafschap (Holland)
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: Ajax

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Michel Platini

FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Peter Thompson

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Van Typeren

FAVOURITE GROUND: PVC Holland

MOST MEMORABLE GAME: First game for Sydney CSC vs. FC Bayern Munich

BIGGEST THRILL: Playing for Australia

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not qualifying for the World Cup

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: 4 caps for Scotland, A team & A, Iraian Youth World Cup

WORST INJURY: Ankle sprain, October

FAVOURITE POSITIONS: Midfield

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Cricket, basketball, and tennis

FAVOURITE FOOD: Oysters, K-patatas

PRE MATCH MEAL: Pasta, coffee

FAVOURITE MUSIC: All the time

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Crime

BEST FRIEND: Peter Guring & Ken Kitch

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Father & coach

AMBITIONS: To play for Australia and to enjoy playing

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Watching too much

MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: No. 10

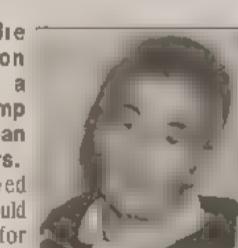
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Maradona

TEAM TO BEAT THIS YEAR: Maroon

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Happy camping!

BY TOM ANDERSON.



EDDIE THOMSON

NATIONAL coach Eddie Thomson will take off on Saturday to conduct a week's special training camp in Holland for his European based national team players.

Two matches will be played against local club sides and it should prove an invaluable exercise for coach Thomson in his World Cup planning.

"It is impossible to bring the foreign based players home at this time of the year so we'll go to them and get our message across," Thomson said.

"We can only hope that the weather is kind to us."

Meanwhile the Russian youth team will be given a late invitation to join a four nation under 20 tournament here in December, as part of the Young Socceroos preparations for next year's World Youth Championships.

The Aussie team will go into camp on November 16 to prepare for a three match series in Noumea.

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AROUND THE NATION

Our man in Canberra GRAHAM COOKE

JOHN Nelson, the man whose flowing locks and sparkling skills brought more than a touch of excitement to the 1992 season, has become the fifth winner of the ACT Soccer Federation's Player of the Year title.

A packed presentation night audience at the Southern Cross Club acknowledged the Belconnen United defender, in the end a runaway winner with 22 votes - six ahead of second placed Craig Bassett of Canberra City.

Nelson's progress in the voting reflected the fortunes of his club through the season. In the first round United languished near the foot of the table, and he was in 10th position, five votes from the lead.

Belconnen's recovery began in mid season and by the end of the second round Nelson had hit the front.

There was no holding either of them in the last third of the competition as Belconnen put together a run of 10 games without defeat to win the Federation Cup and reach the league play offs.

As a teenage member of Canberra City's youth team in its last season of National League competition, Nelson was being freely tipped for the highest honours but a motorcycle accident put him out of the game at a crucial time in his career.

Australia's loss has certainly been the ACT's gain as Nelson resumed playing in the local competition, first with Juventus and then United.

Runner up Bassett is the kind of player every coach loves to have in his team - a big hearted 100 per cent tried with a gift for guessing the opposition's plans.

A tireless worker for the game, he is in harness through the summer with the ACT

Academy team as Walter Valeri's assistant coach.

The Australian Institute of Sport won the eagle's minor premiership and had three players on the leader board: Mark Viduka and Vasil Kalogeracos who tied for third, and Josip Skoko (equal fifth). A disappointing season for Weston Creek was alleviated by a fine presentation night showing Jimmy Cerola and Paul Faichney both polishing well.

TOP 10 PLACE-GETTERS

- 22 - John Nelson (Belconnen United)
- 16 - Craig Bassett (Canberra City)
- 14 - Mark Viduka (AIS), Vasil Kalogeracos (AIS)
- 13 - Jimmy Cerola (Weston Creek), Paul Faichney (Weston Creek), Josip Skoko (AIS).
- 12 - Alan Reis (Belconnen United)
- 11 - Paul Beltrame (Juventus), John Paul Janke (Olympic)
- Youth Player of the Year Antonio Rinaudo (Juventus)
- Under 15 Player of the Year Robert Shaw (Belsouth)
- Under 14 Player of the Year Stewart Camara (Belconnen)
- Senior Representative Player of the Year (Chief Minister's Trophy): Jimmy Baxter (Tuggeranong United)



Skoko (AIS).

ACT BRIEFS

TUGGERANONG United's annual summer six-a-side tournament has begun with 27 teams competing in three divisions.

Organisers are delighted with the response, which fills Kambah No 1 Oval. In three seasons the event has grown from a purely social off-season kick-around to a major competition on the ACT soccer calendar.

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THE BIGGEST upset of ACT Futsal's State League season so far came when the White Eagles thrashed competition leaders Linekers 14-6.

Previous matches between the old rivals have usually been close and with the half-time score at 5-4 in the Eagles' favour, that tradition seemed likely to be maintained.

But a lacklustre Linekers were overrun in the second half to slump to the worst loss in their history as the Eagles moved to the top of the league.

Four goals to the Eagles' Willy Stirton kept him in second place among the leading scorers with 15 behind Nunzio Rinaudo (Azzurri) on 18. Top Scorer of the round was Tony Lemezina who netted six in his side's 12-3 beating of Apollo.

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FORMER AIS scholarship holders are in the process of settling into the Coca-Cola National League season. Vasil Kalogeracos has signed for Sydney Olympic; Paul Dee is with Wollongong City, John Aloisi and Jamie Perin are back with Adelaide City.

Preston, bottom of the table as it tries to overcome an ASFA-imposed sanction of four points deducted for disturbances among its fans last season, is chasing the signature of Vasco Trpevski.

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News from Queensland

with ROB BLACK



BRIEFS

WITH the new points system in 92/93 Brisbane United need two good results in the next fortnight to stay in touch with the competition leaders.

United host NSL big boys Marconi and Sydney Olympic at Perry Park and coach Miron Bleiberg has nothing less than six points on his mind.

Playmaker Frank Pimblett will be back from a calf injury and the Brisbane crowd, heat and ground points to the best chance of a clean sweep.

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WORD from overseas is Robbie Markovac has secured a contract at Hajduk Split and won't be back in Brisbane in the near future.

United have plenty of depth but lack a target man of Markovac's quality.

Captain Alan Hunter took on the role against Heidelberg but would prefer to resume duties at the back.

Brisbane boss Miron Bleiberg said it was a problem not having a big centre forward but his team could adapt to play a style not unlike Everton.

Bleiberg said Tony Coffey and Peter Beardsley worked well together last season without a big striker and Brisbane had plenty of quick smaller men.

However, don't be surprised to see Brisbane sign another forward soon.

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Alan Hunter

BRISBANE sweeper Steve Bullock has silenced a few critics following a not so good fitness assessment at the beginning of the season.

Bullock has put in some outstanding performances in recent weeks looking sharper than at any time in a Brisbane shirt.

Whilst a close eye is kept on the stocky defender at monthly fitness assessments by club physio Michael Daigleish, Bullock's form on the park is what really counts.

BRISBANE United skipper Alan Hunter says he has not given up on representing his country after four years in the international wilderness.

Hunter was a regular Socceroo from 1986 to 1988 but fell out of favour following the Seoul Olympics and has never had the recall.

"I still think I have something to offer and would love another chance to play representative football again," said Hunter.

"I had a run of injuries last year but will be back to full fitness in a couple of weeks and am sure I could do the job as well as those there now."

Thomson acknowledged last season Hunter was still playing well, the best in a Brisbane side knocking off

some of the big guns at Perry Park.

However, nothing came of it even as the Australian coaching staff experimented with a variety of players during a busy international schedule. Thomson recalled another big central defender in Darren Stewart, now at Newcastle, giving Hunter some hope the door was not completely closed.

"I think it's the Sydney thing to some extent. You have to be seen regularly to get noticed," he said.

"If you are playing well enough you should get picked no matter where you live."

Hunter said the Frank Arok Eddie Thomson partnership, during the '80s, was influential in his career.

"Frank (Arok) made me work on my fitness and

particularly sharpness over the first 10 metres," Hunter said.

"I'm getting back to that again now after carrying a few injuries most people didn't know about last year."

The big defender has a pedigree reaching back to when he was the first of the Queenslanders to leave home for footballing fame and fortune in the southern states.

Heidelberg bought Hunter from Brisbane Lions after winning the Under 21 NSL Player of the Year in 1985 and then the Victorian Press' Player of 1986.

After three good years at Sydney CSC Hunter had the opportunity to make it to Europe but broke his leg whilst trialling in the Netherlands.

Farramatta came to his

rescue and in half a season he helped the Eagles to the finals and victory in the NSL Cup.

In a nervous 24 hours on the eve of his departure from Sydney back home, Hunter became the property of three clubs in a day.

First Parramatta bought him from Sydney CSC, then the newly formed Brisbane United stepped in to make the big man the cornerstone of the new Queensland entry in the NSL.

"It was a pretty worrying time but it all came off and things are going great for us now in Brisbane," said Hunter.

"My contract is up at the end of the year and I'd be pretty happy to sign for four more years if they'll have me. But I'd also like to play in a World Cup."

enough they could go straight into United's top side as have Cranney, Dutton and Jefferd," said Selby.

"There will be plenty off the field as well. The boys have to undertake money management, media and grooming courses plus receive counselling on employment opportunities."

"They also receive some financial assistance and the better they do the more will be made available. It's a bit of a carrot to get them to perform."

Selby said the QAS was pushing to have a team included in the National Youth League in the near future.

Those not already getting exposure through Brisbane United would get to show their wares in front of the national selectors.

"If players at the QAS are good

With the World Youth Cup here in March '93 these youngsters have plenty of motivation to achieve at their new 'lessons'.

Cranney has just returned from a good tour with the Young Socceroos, Dutton was in the original squad and Jefferd is touted as a starter for the trip to New Caledonia in November.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SOCCER SCENE

WITH TOM McKAIN



A real shock!

The new boys unfamiliar with Adelaide City-West Adelaide derby games are in for a culture shock on Sunday at Hindmarsh Stadium.

There is nothing else in the National League quite like the atmosphere created when the SA giants clash.

Alex Byrne, a former West great, likened them to the clashes between his former team Celtic, and their Scottish rivals Rangers.

New West boys Hugo Gimenez, Stan Lazaridis, Robbie Hooker, Pedro Ricoy, Greg Brown and Jose Iriarte along with City's Nananja Obradovic, Mike Grbevski, Damian Mori, Marc Wingell, Tony Carbone and Vince Matassa, will find it a whole new ball game coping with the respective fans.

They won't cause trouble, but they will make their presence felt with their chants, songs and reactions to incidents on the field.

Form can be forgotten for this one.

It will be anyone's game until the final whistle.

One advantage West will have is financial.

While the pair share Hindmarsh Stadium as their home ground, the first derby for the year has been designated as West's home game.

A capacity crowd is being tipped with West having got off to such a flamboyant start to the season and City winning the double last season and now chasing the leaders.

The derby always attracts support from outside the two clubs' regular fans, and the success of the Olyroos and Socceroos, has already attracted neutrals who normally would have followed progress through the media.

The second derby is scheduled for Sunday, January 31.

But there could also be a bumper crowd on Sunday, December 13, when the Sharks take on Wollongong and City plays Morwell Falcons in a double-header program at Hindmarsh.

The stadium will be deserted for the last round as both teams have been scheduled away from home



WEST AD'LIA GREG BROWN

as Hindmarsh will dug up for the installation of a new sprinkler system.

And the week before that the pair will feature in a double header on the hallowed cricket turf of Adelaide Oval, City playing Parramatta and West taking on Marconi.

The games will revert to daylight with City first up at 1pm and West kicking off at 3pm.

While on the subject of venues, Adelaide City has been investigating several options in their quest for

new club rooms.

Since selling Olympic Sportsfield they have been sharing facilities, as well as the Hindmarsh Stadium ground, with West Adelaide.

But fans have been clamouring for plusher rooms than the old referees' meeting room and the small bar beneath the grandstand which also houses Adelaide City's administration office.

"We have looked at several sites, blocks of land and established grounds,

but so far have not made a firm decision," said City president, Mr Charlie Zollo.

"Hindmarsh is the best stadium for soccer in Australia, so we would like to remain there, but we do need clubrooms and proper catering facilities for our members.

"We should make a decision within the next couple of months."

West has clubrooms and a restaurant in their Sturt Street headquarters in the centre of Adelaide.

The most popular option for City is a suggestion that clubrooms be built close to Hindmarsh Stadium (there is a block of land across the road from the stadium) or inside the stadium grounds itself.

The later move is looked on as favourable by the local council.

Other options and comments were included in a newsletter to supporters.

They read:

West Torrens Football Club Ground

We have been led to believe that it is not available for full time soccer, nor is it for sale at the present time.

Angle Park Greyhound Club Ground

Apparently for sale for \$3.5m plus. Assuming the Greyhound Club remained as tenants, the idea lent the possibility open to investigation. Responsible accounting however, dictates that our Club may not be able to service loans required for such a freehold complex. Further, its suitability for NSL soccer is in question without further costly renovation.

Purchase land at Hindmarsh and build clubrooms on our land while we continue to lease Hindmarsh Stadium for matches.

Still lukewarm. Various sites being investigated and discussed with Hindmarsh Council e.g. vacant land across road behind the southern goals, vacant land used as car park across the road from eastern side of Hindmarsh Stadium, Hindmarsh Town Hall (currently used by Vietnamese Community) etc.

Purchase of vacant land at Campbelltown, Ingles Farm and Findon High Schools Suspected Council

restrictions, parking problems, cost and our servicing capacity caused abandonment of this idea.

Build a separate clubroom at Hindmarsh Stadium

Currently the favoured option if we can get the Hindmarsh Council, S.A. Government, S.A. Soccer Federation and mainly, our own club requirements satisfied. First stage, Hindmarsh Council's favourable reaction has been received. We are heading on to the next stage.

Extend and modernise our present clubrooms at Hindmarsh

Feasible, but not favoured because it would not have game viewing access nor a satisfactory lease/strata title arrangement.

Purchase vacant acreage at Salisbury or Pooraka for future clubroom/stadium construction

Preliminary costings of purchase, construction and maintenance of such a facility are too prohibitive. Further, NSL ground requirements could not be met during the likely term of construction etc.

THE Youth Socceroos are on the right track in their preparation so far for the World Youth Cup here in March but they need more games against class opponents.

That's the opinion of Charlie Caruso chairman of the SA Soccer Federation and tour leader for the Youth squad which played in South America recently.

"If you look at some of the other countries you find that their boys are playing full-time as professionals, and some of the squads will have been together for almost two years, touring and playing around the world," he said.

"We have done extremely well with the time available to us, and if we can get more matches, as requested by Les Scheinflug (coach) we might be able to cash in on home ground advantage."

Mr Caruso said he did not want to comment in detail on the squad.

"I leave that to the coach, but I will say he could be

looking for four more players for key positions before the finals," he said.

One youngster hoping to be called up is SA's Paul Agostino, now playing with Young Boys of Berne.

He was starring as a striker with West Adelaide before leaving for Europe earlier this year.

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SOCCEP has lost one of its top referees.

SA whistler Tony Scanlon has resigned because of 'business commitments'.

He was being tipped as a FIFA badge man of the future, and was added to the National League panel this season.

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WEST coach Raul Blanco has talent to burn in his youth squad if a recent trial match is any guide.

The young Sharks ripped into the Lion-Port line-up to win 12-0!

ADELAIDE City and Socceroo defender Milan Ivanovic has topped the century mark in the National League.

He will rack up his 104th this weekend against West Adelaide in the first derby game of the season.

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FOR once fans are praising the SA Soccer Federation.

There is nothing but cheers for the new seating opposite the Hindmarsh Stadium grandstand.

But while the SASF is keen to add seats to the terraces behind both goals, they will have to wait for more funding.

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LEMMY Vatsilas, the West Adelaide all-rounder, is the latest player to shed his long locks.

But while he has a crew cut he has not copied City midfielder Sergio Melta's skinhead look.



ROBBIE HOOKER

Vatsilas, by the way, is training lightly again as he nurses his operation knee back to full fitness.

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TWO more coaching appointments have been confirmed for the Foundation SA winter season.

Johny Nyskohus stays with Modbury while Jan Kierno will again guide

Azzurri.

The Blues voted Rick Piotrowski, the goal-scoring defender, as their Best and Fairest player.

Zoran Karadzic was the Players Player of the Year, while Damian Harley picked up the Most Consistent award.

Most Improved was young midfielder Joe Cutillo.

WEST Adelaide has launched a novel raffle for their fans.

A \$10 ticket bought at a home match could win one of them a free trip to the team's next away fixture.

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TALKING of West, they are pleased with the new NSL Yearbook.

Unlike last season's, the current edition recognises they won the national title in 1978.

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A QUICK poll of media bods has West Adelaide wearing the best looking new strips we've seen so far paraded this season.

Brisbane United got second spot, and also caught the eye with their pink warm-up outfits.

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GO ON to see the ground officials getting a grip of their policing duties as far as the grandstand stairs at Hindmarsh Stadium are concerned.

They are now clearing away fans who insist on standing at the top and watching the game from there instead of taking a seat.

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VETERAN Raymond Blaft has no intention of leaving the game when he eventually retires.

The West captain says he will take the next step and move into the coaching scene.

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LOSS was Kim!

BY CON STAVROS

FOR the many South Melbourne fans, the biggest shock in the off season had nothing to do with the loss of the legendary Ferenc Puskas.

Whilst that transition had become an inevitable expectation, the defection of Karon Taliadoros north of the border was a genuine stunner.

The league's equal leading scorer and glamour icon for the terrace faithful seemingly whisked himself away from the club he loved, in a cloud of controversy and turmoil.

With Taliadoros overseas on a much planned holiday, the news of his move was dispersed by his solicitor in a fashion that genuinely startled the brigade at Middle Park.

Taliadoros, now settling into Frank Arok's Marconi Green Machine as its central strike-gun, is pensive on the issue of the move.

"I do wish I had handled things personally", he admits, "but in retrospect, I don't see that I could have, being overseas as it unfolded".

Regrets about the handling aside, Taliadoros admits he made the move based on a conglomeration of prevailing factors.

"It came about as a package", he explains, "some business opportunities in Sydney presented themselves and subsequent to that the chance to play for a club like Marconi added to the overall appeal."

"South Melbourne were and still are very special to me", he continues, "it was very difficult to leave them, but there comes a point where I have to take responsibility for my life and sometimes that means you have to change".



KIM TALIADOROS

That change for Taliadoros, now 24, has meant not only a maturity in his personal philosophy, but also a switch in roles in his profession of goal-scoring.

"I've always wanted to and always believed I played best as a central striker", he says. "Now that I'm in the middle though, I'm beginning to appreciate what a tough job Trimmers (Paul Trimboli) had", he adds with a smile.

Probed on the differences between two of the country's big name clubs, Taliadoros sees little difference in playing style. The biggest difference - yet paradoxically ultimately the greatest similarity - lies in the approaches of Arok and former mentor Puskas, he explains.

"Arok is so intense and so

passionate about the game", Karon explains. "He is able to transfer that to the players purely through motivational speeches and an absolute willingness to help develop people and the whole team.

"Puskas was much more casual and had a totally laid back approach to the game." Here however as Karon details was their ultimate common philosophy.

"Go out there and play good football - and above all else, enjoy it."

On Marconi itself, Karon is thoroughly satisfied.

"The facilities are excellent and the administration is very competent and well managed", he says.

Karon like many, has discovered that the professional image portrayed by the club is backed up by the reality.

"They are really very professional and there is a real infrastructure behind the club", he points out.

With only a one year contract, the future plans of Taliadoros are very much up in the air.

Whilst he naturally wishes to help his club to a championship and regain his status as a Socceroo - ironically something he did under Arok's tenure as national boss - Karon is clearly playing things day by day.

"It's still early days and I haven't made any long term commitments yet", he admits.

For those who know the true Karon, that philosophy is no surprise. For the majority of fans who don't know him, however, most don't realise the complexity of his personality.

Intelligent, articulate and

mischiefously unreliable, Karon is clearly a bundle of talent waiting to explode.

Perhaps the most positive aspect of his move has been the exposure to the greatest detonator of talent in the country in Arok.

The masterful Arok is quick to recognise potential and nurture it until it blossoms. In Karon, he has undoubtedly trapped a rare species.

"He is a quality player", Arok explains, "the fact that he hasn't scored yet (after four rounds) is due to the ball not bouncing for him."

Arok lists Karon's reflexes and natural ability in the box as his strengths. On the negative side, Arok will only downgrade his striker for not being deliberate enough. Hardly a major charge for a person whose style simply won't allow that kind of structured approach.

Whatever the future may hold for Karon, he has indelibly left his mark on the local game.

For the many fans at Middle Park who celebrated his numerous spectacular goals - such is Karon's style that he usually scored the hard ones and missed the easier - the big striker still reserves a special place in his heart.

"There are no greater fans than South Melbourne fans", he admits.

"They are so passionate and loyal!"

Whilst we didn't even discuss it, why do I get the feeling that in a few years' time those fans will once again be cheering him on.

For now, though, it's the turn of the Marconi faithful to make the most of the legend amongst their midst.

WAVERLEY CITY SOCCER CLUB invites applications for SENIOR COACH for season 1993

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Closing date for applications 15-11-92

VIC CHIT CHAT

By Greg Blake

AUSTRALIAN rules football has called on the expertise of a soccer man to assist in junior development.

Roy Maclaren, who was coaching at Villa Park when Aston Villa captured the European Cup in 1980, has linked up with AFL club Essendon to give the rules boys the lowdown on the world of soccer.

Maclaren, recently re-appointed as coach of Premier League Altona Gate for 1993, will be advising the AFL Bombers on how the apprentice schemes work in England.

Essendon is keen to follow soccer's lead by fostering junior development.

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DUSAN Kalezic has been given the thumbs up to coach Green Gully for the 1993 season.

After rejuvenating Gully in his first year at the helm, Gully officials took their time to re-appoint the likeable Kalezic.

After nearly losing him to rivals Sunshine George Cross, the Gully quickly moved to get Kalezic back for another Premier League season.

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OAKLEIGH City Council is apparently set to offer relegated Premier League club Oakleigh the chance to relocate from its Caloola Reserve home to a new complex.

The sweetener in the deal is said to be a carrot of some \$55,000 for ground development at the Edwards Street Reserve.

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JUST what was Berti Mariani doing at Middle Park for the recent South Melbourne - Preston clash?

The former Marconi boss was only 20 minutes drive away from Somers Street, where his old club was going into battle with Melbourne CSC on the same day.

Mariani stayed on to watch Souths and Preston draw 1-1.

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THE whining by a couple of northern clubs about Morwell's North Crinigan Reserve is pathetic.

The Falcons' home, they say, is setting the CCSL back a decade because of the spectators' cars parked at either end of the ground looking embarrassing on television.

Not only are those types of areas part of the charm of football outside the big smoke, the fact is that Morwell has outdrawn seven other CCSL clubs in its opening two home games.

Better cars than empty terraces.

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INDICATIVE of Heidelberg's new-found determination in 92/93 was the statement from midfielder Phil Stubbins, following his side's 1-1 draw in Brisbane.

Stubbins referred to the result as "a loss".

A Freudian slip or symbolic of the new attitude at the Olympic Village this season?

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MELBOURNE CSC's Vaughan Coveny deserved his double strike in the 4-0 romp over Marconi.

Voted as one of Melbourne's best three in each of his early games, the hard-working Coveny did everything but score.

Good to see the young fellow finally get his reward.

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PRESTON is pulling its best crowds in five years despite the slump to the foot of the ladder.

Not since the cup final run of that season has Preston managed to drag as many of the faithful through the turnstiles.

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RELEGATED Premier League club Knox City has offered 1992 coach Norrie Pate a new three-year contract.

The Eagles are one of a number of clubs in contention for the Premier League vacancy caused by Morwell's departure to CCSL ranks.

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GREG BLAKE PULLS NO PUNCHES

Poor old Dobbo!



Former Preston coach Ian Dobson was always looking down the barrel and hoping the chamber wasn't loaded.

In December last year he took over a crash-diving Preston team and did his job with dignity. Less than 12 months later Dobson was ditched in favour of former Socceroo Oscar Crino just two days after the Preston committee had confirmed his continuation in the job.

"I'd heard the speculation and taken it in my stride."

"I'm doing the best I can and if the committee thinks someone else can do the job better, it's up to them," he said just days before his sacking.

That was prior to a late night executive board meeting called by club officials to decide his fate.

Less than 24 hours later he was told - by car phone and on his way to training - that his services were terminated.

Admittedly, results weren't good.

Preston went 0-0-3 to start the year and Dobson was, after all, in charge - albeit only for the latter portion of the year - as the club crashed to its first CCSL wooden spoon last season.

But let's clear the air on this one:

It was not Dobson's fault that Preston was an economy class team when he took charge last year, nor was it his fault that the club had started the new year minus four penalty points.

And it was certainly not Dobson's fault that he had less than 60 percent of his playing staff involved in pre-season, or that the club's prize overseas recruits had been dumped on him virtually sight unseen two weeks into the campaign.

Dobson was simply putting a confusing jigsaw in place, the pieces having been strewn about by both past and present administration.

"OK, maybe the bloke can coach."

But he should have been given four or five weeks to fit the new boys and the old boys together in some sort of working order.

Club vice-president Chris Janakowski had publicly admitted that administration should shoulder some of the blame for Preston's predicament.

A doubt that was taken into account at the board meeting.

Now another poor mug's head

is on the coaching chopping block.

We wish Crino well in what is shaping as the toughest job in the CCSL.

After four rounds Preston is already - thanks to its penalty points - three games clear at the foot of the ladder.

Crino, who is hoping to make a footballing comeback after serious injury later this season, has grand visions.

"I want to establish a system of soccer that we're capable of playing," he said on his appointment.

"It will be more up to date than most other clubs and will involve a lot more football rather than relying on things to happen."

There was little of the new system in Preston's first game under Crino, a 1-1 draw at South Melbourne.

Five of his players were booked in a furiously fought battle, but at least the result was heartening.

The coaching job is a huge challenge and I'm very happy with that," says Crino.

Let's hope he gets the chances that the unfortunate Dobson did not.

All Nations Series

KNOX CITY is hosting Victoria's 1992 All Nations' Cup series.

Twelve teams will compete in the competition, one of the most popular end of season events in Victorian soccer.

According to Knox City coach Norrie Pate, the All Nations' Cup is a great chance for players who have been friends for many years to get together and play in the same side.

"You catch up with people you haven't seen for ages and it's a good stage for younger players to show what they can do while playing alongside class players."

In keeping with the spirit of the competition Pate has compiled some pocket profiles on the teams competing in 1992.

UNITED NATIONS - Was originally the Irish team but they had a few problems getting North and South Paddie together, so it's a general mixture.

HOLLAND - Basically made up of the Becker brothers, cousins, nephews, uncles and various other legitimate and illegitimate offspring.

ITALY - Always a fair side with players from Juventus, Croydon, Box Hill and Knox.

AFRICA - Usually run by the Haupt brothers and Billy Rogers, it includes a few Ringwood players and anyone with a Paul Simon record.

AUSTRALIA - Much like the United Nations, in that they have a far greater choice of players. What usually lets them down is a

lack of nationalistic commitment. Basically they are all just mates having a kick.

SCOTLAND - From one extreme to another, we have this overstated national pride that borders on diminished responsibility.

In the eight years I've been running the Scotland team we've always been the best team on paper.

One year we had nine NSL players and eight State League in the squad and after hammering teams in the qualifying stages (Argentina 11-0) we lost to someone like East Juventus.

They would have to be the favorites.

MAURITIUS - Unpredictable, colourful and great limbo dancers.

Macedonia - From teams like Ringwood United. Great skill levels, no organisation.

BARBARIANS - What can you say about people who dream up a name like this? They probably dress like Harlem pumps and indulge in high fives at every opportunity.

dress code was Bay City Rollers gear.

This year we will stick with our traditional blend of good soccer players, great singers and fantastic drinkers.

ENGLAND - Will have a great team with lots of boys from Croydon, Knox and Juventus.

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Busy bees

Ambitious Werribee City made up for the disappointment of narrowly missing promotion from division one by taking off the Victorian State League Cup in the final against Doncaster Rovers.

Werribee's 2-0 victory over Doncaster Rovers came as just reward for a club which has gone ahead in leaps and bounds in the past 18 months and at the time of going to press was one of the favourites to fill the Premier League vacancy left by CCSL-bound Morwell Falcons.

In the cup final Werribee, despite the return of established stars Dino Grillo, Robert Carraro and Rob Napoli for the big game, struggled in the early going.

The Rovers were kept at bay thanks to a brilliant performance from City's former South Melbourne keeper Ian Glaston, who was eventually named best on ground.

But Ian Calderwood's appearance off the bench turned the game, with Calderwood starting the 62nd minute move which set up Vince Cidoni to give Werribee the lead.

Doncaster gave as good as it got over the closing stages but an 80th minute killer goal from Grillo saw Werribee home safe.

Former Green Gully champion Ken Smart made it a double celebration for the 'Bees when he won the State League First Division Best and Fairest award for 1992, making it four in a row for Werribee.

Ian Calderwood won the First Division Best and Fairest in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

From Monday 23/11/92 until Friday 5th February 1993 South Melbourne Hellas will be conducting a Talent Identification Program for players aged between 13 and 17 years of age. Players will be coached by South Melbourne CCSL senior players and the entire

senior coaching staff of South Melbourne Hellas.

Training will take place on Mondays 6pm and Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10am. On completion of the course each player will be individually assessed and receive a certificate from the club.

Interested players please complete application form and mail to

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Address:

Phone:

Date of Birth:

1992 All Nations Cup Series

(Games kick-off at Knox City's Egan Lee Reserve ground from 11.30 am during the preliminary series)

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7

(Group A) - United Nations v Italy
Scotland v Africa
(Group B) - Mauritius v Holland
England v Vietnam
(Group C) - Macedonia v Barbarians
Australia v Argentina

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14

(Group A) - Scotland v Italy
United Nations v Africa
(Group B) - England v Holland

Mauritius v Vietnam

(Group C) - Australia v Barbarians
Macedonia v Argentina

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21

Quarter Finals

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28

Semi Finals

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5

3rd and 4th play-off

Final

Once again as in seasons gone by our photographic staff has been out and about capturing the action in Australia's top soccer competition. Camera men JAMES RANKIN, JANUSZ KAMMA and JOE MONTEMURRO - like always - have been on the spot in the early clashes. This week we bring you the CCSL story through their lens. Rankin, Kamma and Montemurro are dedicated sporting photographers and we take pride in having them aboard Australia's only real soccer publication - AUSTRALIAN AND BRITISH SOCCER WEEKLY.



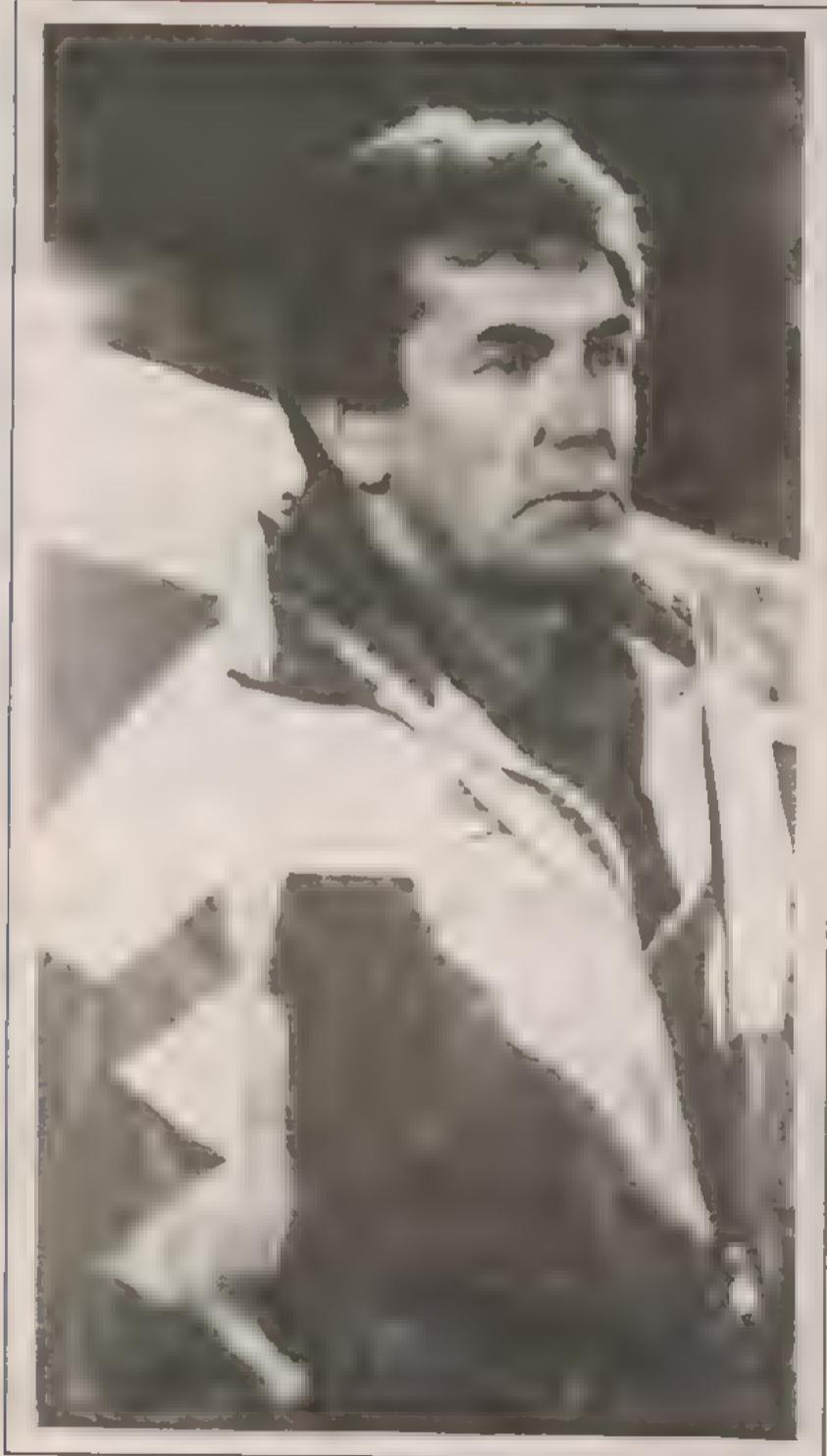
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City in the top echelon



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WEST AD'S HAPPY SHARK

Marketing madness?

BY TOM ANDERSON

ONE of the most contentious issues on the Australian soccer scene over the years has been that of marketing - or the lack of it!

To state that the ASF has been in the doldrums in this department over the years would be the understatement of the decade!

Now, with the World Youth Championships looming next year, just how is the present state of the ASF marketing arm?

Or to be more precise - is there such a thing as an ASF marketing arm?

When the last World Youth Championships were held here in 1981, the marketing was excellent and items and merchandise regarding the series could be purchased at most major stores throughout Australia.

Let's hope this is repeated for this coming series.

Here is an item re-ASF marketing published in the match program for the World Cup qualifier between Australia and New Zealand at the Sydney Cricket Ground on May 16, 1981.

After reading it, I am more than sure you will be able to make up your own mind on how the ASF have progressed or slipped back on the 'Marketing Scene'.

Marketing soccer in the eighties

"Marketing Soccer in the right way is of paramount importance these days. The FA is really a business."

These were the words of Mr Ted Croker, Secretary of the English FA and spokesman for one of the most powerful and well developed football associations in the world.

This approach to the modern, professional methods of marketing sport is now to be found increasingly throughout Australia. For sport in any form is first and foremost an entertainment, and to compete effectively with other forms of entertainment, such as pop concerts, cricket, tennis, theatre, Australian rules, the movies and so on, soccer must present a colourful, exciting face.

So, less than twelve months ago Australian Soccer Federation Marketing Ltd was born. In the past few months this small company, headed by marketing men Rik Booth, John Clark and John Frank has probed, analysed, dissected and repackaged many aspects of Australian soccer. Today one such 'package' - the National Team is on show and the performance of these sportsmen in the



to participate is in no small way due to the marketing company's ability to generate sponsorship funds.

In fact every 'package' ranging right through all the Philips Soccer League clubs, The Australian Women's Soccer Association, the state Federations, The Australian Referees' Federation, etc., are now being presented to Australian businessmen in professionally prepared packages with the

1981 - Qantas sign as a National Team sponsor. Left to right: Lex Smythe, Qantas, with Rik Booth, Executive Director ASF Marketing, and Murray Barnes, captain of the Australian National Team.

opportunities of sponsorship, endorsement and advertising are becoming increasingly significant.

The marketing company is also developing totally new avenues of opportunity which will benefit both the business community and the soccer supporting public. One new area, increasingly a part of modern business promotions, is called merchandising. A whole range of mascot characters called "The Socceroos" have been created and major Australian companies are signing up the licensing rights to use these characters in their individual product ranges.

For example, a T-shirt manufacturer may choose to take up the licence to produce Socceroo T-shirts, a publishing company may select the Socceroos as a new character range for comics, colouring-in books, posters and so forth. In fact the diverse range of products which can spin-off from such a simple, but clever idea as the creation of the Socceroo characters is virtually limitless. By Christmas this year young Australian soccer supporters will be able to buy books, stickers, posters,

clothing, badges, calendars, soft toys, board games, jigsaws and that is only the start.

Australian Soccer Federation Marketing is also merchandising each of the Philips Soccer League



clubs whose new names like the Leopards, Demons and Gunners are all matched with new dynamic, colourful club emblems.

Other developments in Australian soccer soon to be seen include the Socceroo Super Skills Award Programme, introduction of an indoor soccer league and creation of a nationwide Junior Soccer Supporters' Club. These will all be opportunities for 1982 and beyond which Australian Soccer Federation Marketing intend to utilise to develop Soccer in Australia as a major sport in terms of a national

public support.

In a relatively short space of time the marketing company has already had a number of successes including perhaps the most significant development in the history of soccer in Australia being the successful negotiations with the O.28 Network to telecast soccer and the development of the "Top Soccer" and "World of Soccer" programmes which have now been supplemented by the new "Captain Socceroo" programme for children.

With Australian soccer now on television, the public is at last able to see for themselves the high standards of play that have evolved in this country, and begin to become familiar with the personalities and stars of the game.

Additionally, the company successfully negotiated the Winfield sponsorship of the England v Australia game last May, the Dunlop sponsorship of the Philips Grand Final in Canberra; involvement in a number of Philips Soccer League club sponsorships and a range of other activities involving commerce with the sport of soccer.

In the last two months

they have raised in excess of \$250,000 of sponsorship support for the Australian national team in its quest for a place in Spain in 1982.

With all the success and achievements attained in the last nine months by soccer beginning to present itself more professionally to Australian business one wonders what impact and benefits will flow to the sport over the next decade as the vast numbers of

new and young players move into responsible positions of employment in commerce themselves.

With more sympathetic attitude on the part of the marketing company to talk to about sponsorship opportunities the 1980s could finally see soccer take off as a major spectator sport as well as a participatory game and heavily supported by private industry.



Left to right: John Frank, Marketing Manager, Rik Booth, Executive Director, John Clark, Marketing Manager, ASF Marketing Ltd. 1981.

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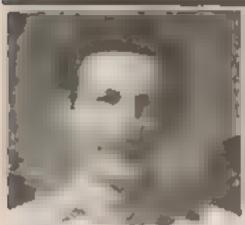
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Exasperation!



Paul Goodwin looks at the past season

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MOUNT PRITCHARD

THE Mounties missed the top five cut-off after a stop-start season, which exasperated their coach Glenn Fontana.

They had the necessary talent and brought in more during the season, but it didn't gel often enough, though on their day they could beat anyone.

They were a free scoring side, with a defence which was liable to concede an embarrassing number of goals themselves on occasions.

The team which could beat Cypress 4-0, Auburn 2-0 and Petersham 3-0 was the same one that lost 6-1 at Mount Druitt, 3-1 at West Wanderers and, more indignantly, 2-0 at home to Lemnos Alstars, the only game Lemnos won away from Potts Park.

They just couldn't string together more than a couple of good games in a row, if that.

They had midfield dynamo Gary Hatton working overtime week after week earning himself the Player of the Year award.

Defender Anthony Dnene came on well, but new recruit David Ratcliffe was a misguided choice in the back-line and did little better when pressed into midfield due to a lack of general fitness.

Anthony Versi was a hit, though not always getting



DULWICH HILL COACH AGENOR MUNIZ (RIGHT) DURING HIS ADELAIDE CITY DAYS.

the goals his talent and experience deserved.

Ali Nagi had long dry spells, but then grabbed threes and fours when least expected to finish with a total of 15.

Leo Pintos was very effective in midfield and impressed in many games, while Seref Kumuz was a similarly strong player in the engine room for the Mounties.

Carlos Ganegas was an enigma. His general play was good, but his finishing at times let him down. He did get seven goals but should

have doubled that on chances created.

The club is looking to the future and coach Glenn Fontana plans to establish a superskills squad with the juniors. He expects to have assistant Dave Kenny back again with the Under-21 side.

The seconds were premiers and runners up in the Grand Final and will provide some useful talent for the seniors next term.

There were many good prospects in that side and Fontana blooded a number of them during the year.

He gave extended runs to lanky left back Bryce Williams, Jeff Suzor and Charlie Lenco. Brad Lewis earned a few outings and he was particularly impressed by Andrew Juhart, Darren Tolley and Daniel Crowden.

He was a little disappointed that a side which was on paper much superior to his first year team in 1991 was unable to secure a semi-finals place.

The introduction of several new faces meant a settling in period and it was only in the latter stages that he believed that players such as prolific scorer Nagi, midfield schemers Pintos and Kumsuz and defender Angelo Raguz could show their full potential.

These four were undoubtedly important players, but his old Wollongong connections which saw Martin Bourke, Ratcliffe and Paul Robaard included did not always pay off.

New boys Derek Causley, Robin Younan, Tony Genovese and Alberto Arbelo, not to mention David Fitzsimons, the new

Bourke was to suffer injuries and Robaard inconsistencies, while Ratcliffe left towards the end when it became clear that he could not reach peak fitness.

Fontana, on the other hand, now looks set to get himself back in shape so that he can be available as a fresh substitute when the team needs someone to hold the ball up in awkward matches.

If the club can resolve its ground uncertainties and take advantage of the backing it gets from the Mount Pritchard Sports Club, then it can become a big name in the future.

PLAYING RECORD

w	s/d	ns/d	l	1	a	Pts
11	4	2	9	44	38	43

DULWICH HILL

FORMER big guns, Dulwich Hill Madeira, had a season they would rather forget; and it all could have been avoided.

They began with new signings to bolster an already strong squad under the previous season's coach Dennis Duarte.

The problem pre-season was who to leave out and they had trouble making up their minds for weeks so large was the squad.

New boys Derek Causley, Robin Younan, Tony Genovese and Alberto Arbelo, not to mention David Fitzsimons, the new

goalkeeper, had their work cut out convincing their coach that they were worthy of a regular spot.

Meanwhile old retainers like George Johnson, Ian Gillan and Steve Duffy struggled to get back their old positions and player-coach Duarte was unable to convince himself to play in the team except in rare appearances via the bench.

The team continued to entertain in the early games, but was repeatedly found out at the back despite the prolific goalscoring exploits of youngster Norman Tome.

The 3-5 draw at home with Mount Druitt was a case in point for the side came back from three down to lead and still miss out on the win.

Fitzsimons became the first victim and quickly disappeared from the scene. Reserve keeper Bill Konevski took over for a while until Frank Muketic was secured from Warrngah and the latter held his place for the rest of the campaign.

Meanwhile Causley had a crisis of confidence and suffered a few injuries, Younan and Richard Lira battled away for the right back spot with neither establishing any permanency in the position and Gillan and Johnson had a similar tussle for the left back position, which was never resolved.

The Under-19s were in good touch for most of the year and proved a good nursery, with Ivo de Jesus,

Daniel Gomes, Nick Lupo and Zosimo Santos getting plenty of attention from respected critics.

After 17 matches the committee decided that a collection of 23 points from 17 games was just not good enough and Duarte left the club to be replaced by prodigal mentor Agenor Muniz.

It is significant that the team then went on to win six of their last nine games and gained 17 points to take the side to within a whisker of the top five, having been possible relegation candidates at one stage.

In the end Tome walked away with the competition's leading scorer award, netting 22 times for his side, but he had scant support.

Causley, chiefly used as an orthodox winger in the latter stages under Muniz, got five and George Johnson three.

Johnson was tried as a winger on the other flank to Causley in late season games and pleased his new coach.

Ennio Morsen picked up an injury towards the end, but was solid throughout; Cesar Mora, who came late to the club, was also out of action until the very end and was a lively performer.

Alejandro Arbelo, whose baby daughter gave some cause for concern at one stage, was absent more often than not. Arbelo is due to undergo surgery for cartilage removal from his knee.

He did well when he

made it onto the park as did Tony Genovese, who had problems in meeting training commitments due to his work.

Nelio Borges saw out the season in the reserves, but three players stood out all year.

Steve Duffy was a stable influence at the back as was tough man Jere Matosin and Kevin Gaffney, described by his coach as a 200 per cent man.

Ian Gillan was another to fight his way back and Muniz was happy to have him there as a very useful backline utility man.

Looking back at the results, Dulwich Hill lost four at home and six away, but figured in some high scoring matches.

Highlights were the 3-0 win over Auburn and the 1-0 revenge win at Petersham.

The unexpected loss at West Wanderers and the final game when a weakened side went down to Campbelltown 2-0 at home, cost the club any chance of managing a 'Houdini' act to reach the semi-finals.

Muniz is undecided about next year and is due to discuss his future and that of the club any day now.

If he stays the club can reach the very top as the talent is there and the young players coming through are very promising.

PLAYING RECORD
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Further dates to be announced at first trials.

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SOUTH AMERICA

THE fifth Under-17 South American championship, to be held on Colombia, will begin on the 30th of January, 1993 and will run until February 14th.

The competition will be played in the cities of Armenia and Pereira.

Argentina, host nation Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela will play in group A, while Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay will compete in group B.

The tournament will kick off on January 30 with the games between Argentina vs Ecuador in Armenia, and Colombia against Peru in Pereira.

The first two of each group will qualify for the final round-robin.

The competition's whole calendar is the following:

January 31: Paraguay-Uruguay and Brazil-Chile in Pereira.

February 1: Ecuador-Peru and Argentina-Venezuela in Armenia

February 2: Paraguay-Chile and Brazil-Boivia in Pereira

February 3: Peru-Venezuela and Colombia-Ecuador in Armenia

February 4: Paraguay-Bolivia and Chile-Uruguay in Pereira.

February 5: Argentina-Peru and Colombia-Venezuela in Pereira.

February 6: Chile-Bolivia and

Paraguay-Brazil in Pereira.

February 7: Venezuela-Ecuador and Colombia-Argentina in Armenia.

February 8: Uruguay-Bolivia and Paraguay-Brazil in Pereira.

FINAL ROUND ROBIN

February 10: Winner group B vs Runner up group A and Winner group A vs Runner-up group B, in Pereira.

February 12: Winner group B vs Runner up group B and Winner group A vs Runner-up group A, in Pereira.

February 13: Runner up group A vs Runner-up group B and Winner group A vs Winner group B.

Brazil won the title and Uruguay was the runner-up in the last series held in Paraguay.

JOSE MARIA MUÑOZ, one of Argentinian radio's finest journalists died last week after a long incurable illness.

For over 43 years Muñoz has been a key figure in the broadcasting of South America's numerous football championships.

A pioneer in chain-transmission, the unmistakable tone of his voice has always

conveyed an optimistic message, a prudent opinion and the objective view.

Last year, Jose Maria Muñoz was conferred the Medal of Merit by the South American Football Confederation for his brilliant services to the sport.

OLIMPIA of Paraguay defeated Libertadores champions, Sao Paulo of Brazil, 2-1 in Sao Paulo and gained a further step towards the South American Super Cup semi-finals.

Olimpia only needs a draw against the Brazilians, in the return match to be played in Asuncion, to reach a semi-final berth.

The match, held at Sao Paulo's Morumbi Stadium, attracted only 15,000 spectators.

Veteran Paraguayan striker, Raul Amarilla, opened the score in the 31st minute and Palinha equalised for Sao Paulo in the 41st. But Paraguayan midfielder Zanabria scored the winner for Olimpia in the 94th.

Sao Paulo has a difficult task in Asuncion. The Brazilians need to win by a two goal margin to qualify. But if they win by one goal, the semi-final berth will be decided on a penalty shoot out.

BREIFES

"O REI" PELE is planning to build a new stadium in Rio de Janeiro with capacity for 50,000 spectators.

Pele, who celebrated last week his 52nd birthday, made the announcement during a press conference held in Rio.

The stadium will be built in a 200,000 square metres land situated in the eastern suburb of Barra Da Tijuca.

The estimated cost of the stadium will be close to \$80 000,000 and will be finished within two years.

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FORMER Chilean International midfielder Carlos Reinoso will replace Uruguayan Carlos Miloc as coach of Mexican club Veracruz. Reinoso previously coached America, Tampico-Madero, Atlas and Universidad de Leon, all Mexican clubs.

★ ★ ★

JAMAICA and Canada played to a 1-1 draw in the first leg of a CONCACAF zone second round Group B World Cup qualifier.

BARCELONA of Guayaquil leads the Ecuadorean national league after five rounds. Barcelona, coached by Argentine tactician Jorge Hebecker, defeated Lga Deportiva Universitaria 1-0. Universitario de Deportes won the Peruvian national championship after its 3-1 win over Deportivo Municipal.

★ ★ ★

COLO COLO and Cobreloa are joint leaders in the Chilean national league. Cobreloa beat Coquimbo Unido 3-2 while Colo Colo drew 1-1 with Universidad Católica in the local derby played at Santiago's National Stadium, in front of 70,000 spectators. Colo Colo and Cobreloa lead with 28 points each followed by Universidad Católica with 27, and Unión Española and Universidad de Chile with 25...Mexico and Germany drew 1-1 in a friendly international played in Dresden. It was the first time in 51 years that a unified German team played in the former East Germany, and the match ended with similar scores. In 1941 Germany and Denmark drew 1-1 in the same city...

Sydney Soccer World Cup

Lebanon in semis

BY MARIO ETCHARDT

ONLY two games for the All-Age division were played at the weekend and the Sunday matches were postponed because of the bad conditions at Garside Park and the heavy rain.

But the action that did take place brought a big shock.

And the shock was provoked by Lebanon who downed the highly fancied Uruguay 1-0.

Uruguay, a team that promised so much early in the tournament were vastly disappointing.

They showed no resemblance of their early showings.

Lebanon were much more composed during the game and counter attacked in a fine manner.

Lebanon midfielder Wally Apanian scored the all important goal that put his side into the semi-final.

Man of the Match: Wally Apanian (Lebanon).



URUGUAY 0/35

PERU AGAINST ALL ODDS

Peru provided the most dramatic comeback ever witnessed in the history of the cup to qualify for the semi-finals.

Peru were losing 3-0 to Bolivia at the 80th minute

and it all looked over bar the shouting.

But then a comeback to end all comebacks took place and in a matter of 10 minutes the game was 3-3 and the Peruvians were into the semis and Bolivia out of the series!

Amazing stuff. Without any doubt this

was the match of the tournament so far!

Man of the Match:

Bokovski (Peru).

OTHER RESULTS

Under-17's Italy 2

Uruguay 0, Chile 6 Egypt

1. Over 35's Chile 2

Greece 1...

AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS SYDNEY SOCCER WORLD CUP

ALL MATCHES AT GARSIDE PARK — CRANVILLE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

3.00pm	b-c/35	Winner b/35 v Winner c/35
4.30pm	17's	Winner G1 v Runner-up G2
6.30pm	A	Winner 2-4 v Runner-up 1-3

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9.30am	2/17	HOLLAND V LEBANON
11.15am	2/17	AUSTRALIA V PERU
12.45pm	D/35	ARGENTINA V AUSTRALIA
2.30pm	2/4	GREECE V ENGLAND
4.15pm	1/3	ASSYRIA V MEXICO

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FIFA happy with World Cup venues

FIFA officials were so pleased by their nine-day inspection of USA '94 World Cup venues that they do not expect to tour them again until several months before the 1994 tournament.

They completed a tour of the nine stadia, looking at pitches, media facilities, camera placements, security arrangements and dressing rooms.

"The state of the stadia is good," said FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni.

"It is not like in Mexico or Italy, where we had to reconstruct or build new stadia."

"I think it will be the World Cup of small investment and big profit. We were very satisfied with what we have seen. We do not expect a trip during '93."

The Foxboro Stadium, near Boston, is to host six games.

The field, normally home of the National Football League's New England Patriots, will have to be widened by several yards.

Pitch dimensions will be altered at several venues, though at Giants Stadium in New Jersey, near New York, the pitch will still be several metres shorter than FIFA usually allows.

"It is a minor problem with stadia that were built for the wrong sport," Tognoni said.

He added that they expected security to be handled well. Last month, for example, Foxboro Stadium held a rock and roll concert without incident.

"If you can survive Guns 'N' Roses, then you can survive a soccer match," Tognoni said.

The World Cup will culminate with the final at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California, on July 17, 1994.

Tognoni said FIFA had no second-thoughts about awarding



USA '94 boss Alan Rothenberg

the biggest football event in the world to a country where soccer is a second-class sport.

"The Americans, they know how to handle big events," he said.

Around the globe

Compiled by LOU GAUTIER



• The Gulf Cup, for countries around the Persian Gulf, kicks off on November 27 with Qatar v Oman. This is the eleventh edition of the competition.

• Carlos Valderrama now plays in Saudi Arabia. The flamboyant Colombian midfielder has been sold for \$400,000 only, but will earn \$800,000 in his first season. Valderrama had stints in France with Montpellier and in Spain with Valladolid.

• Ashley Macadé, from the Sunrise FC club, has been voted Mauritius' Player of the Year. Macadé was the National League's leading scorer. His team-mate Fidji Rasonnivo was the runner-up.

• Diego Latorre has finally joined Fiorentina — officially — to become the Italian club's fourth foreigner. Brazilian Mazinho will be transferred to make room for the Argentinian striker who will link up with countryman Gabriel Batistuta.

• Former South American Player of the Year Vicente Amarilla has walked out on his Paraguayan club, Olimpia Asunción, after a row with Argentinian coach Roberto Perfano. Romenito, who is married to Amarilla's sister, is also threatening to quit, as is goalkeeper Battaglia, another brother-in-law! A family affair, what?

• Anatoli Konikov, and not world-famous Valery Lobanovsky, is the new coach of Ukraine's national team. Konikov, 43, is a former Dynamo Kiev midfielder who has coached Chakhtor and Zenith St Petersburg (ex-Leningrad).

• Igor Belanov, the 1986 European Player of the Year, has returned to his native Odessa, in Ukraine, to finish his career at Cernomorets. Belanov has played the last four years in Germany — for Borussia Moenchengladbach and Eintracht Braunschweig.

• Ace Turkish youngster Tanju Colak has been sent off for the first time in seven years. The evil deed occurred against Ankaragülu as his team, Fenerbahce, lost 2-1, and at home to boot!

• Michel Platini won't be given carte blanche as "ambassador at large" for the 1998 World Cup finals in France. The former national team coach and all-time great player, will work in tandem with the Chairman of the France '98 Organising Committee, Fernand Sastre.

• Senegalese international Daniel Bocandé, who played with Robbie Slater at Lens last season, has left France after six seasons there to join Second Division Belgian side Alost.

• Egidius Braun, treasurer of the DBU (German Soccer Federation) is the almost certain successor to the late Hermann Neuberger as Federation president. Neuberger died on September 27 after a brief illness.

• Croatian brothers Zoran and Zlatko Vujošić, now naturalised French citizens, are again playing in the same club this season — Second Division Nice. They were brought to France, to play for Bordeaux, in 1984.



Argentinian midfielder Luis Enrique. He is on the verge of joining French club Metz.

Hamburg's a city in grave crisis

HAMBURG is a city in crisis; both local clubs sacked their managers within three days of each other.

Hamburg axed coach Egon Coordes in a panic after suspending to next-to-bottom of the Bundesliga.

Coordes, who was only appointed last March, was ousted as a result of player power.

The first team squad voted 15-1 in favour of the proposal of 'no

confidence' in the boss who was duly replaced by his former assistant Benno Mohlmann.

Two days later Second Division neighbours St Pauli sacked Michael Lorkowski.

He had been in charge only three months and he too blamed player power for his dismissal.

A diverse Mexican Wave

NATIVE coaches outnumber newcomers in Mexico's First Division, but only just — by 11 to nine.

The 11 are Jesus Bracamontes (Guadalajara), Victor Manuel Vucetich (Leon), Miguel Mejia Barton (Monterrey), Antonio Carbajal (Morelia), Benjamin Fal (Pachuca), Manuel Laupente (Puebla), Tomas Boy (Queretaro), Francisco Avila (Tigres UNAM), Alberto Guerra (Icos de UAG), Jose Vitoria (Toluca), and Jorge Dávalos (Universitario de Guadalajara).

There are four coaches from Argentina: Mario Alberto Bielsa, who left Newell's Old Boys to take over at Atlas of Guadalajara. Ricardo Lavolpe (Atlante), Pedro Delgado (Santos Laguna) and Roberto Saprissa (Necaxa). The three Uruguayans are Carlos Miloc at Veracruz, Hector Eugenio of Correcaminos UAT, and newcomer Nelson Acosta at Cruz Azul.

There are two Brazilians — Ricardo Ferretti, better known as Tuca, with Pumas UNAM, and Paulo Roberto Falcao, in his second season with America.

The 76 foreign-born players registered in Mexico include 25 from Brazil and 23 from Argentina.

Other nations represented include Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Uruguay, Honduras, Ghana, Panama and the United States, in the shape of defender Cleo Kojman, now with Cruz Azul after spending last season with the Cobras of Ciudad Juarez.

He could be joined in the next couple of years by more Americans, because the new North American Trade Agreement has encouraged the movement of players.

Christoph Daum

BORN TO BE CONTROVERSIAL!

BY ADRIAN SPARRE OF THE TIMES

VfB Stuttgart coach Christoph Daum was born to be provocative and controversial.

If he had been able to talk at birth, he would probably have argued with the midwife about where to cut the umbilical cord.

The German's much-publicised gaffe in the European Champions' Cup when he broke UEFA rules by naming four foreign players against Leeds was the third time he has been in trouble with soccer authorities this season.

Yet behind the self-opinionated public figure who sometimes loses control of his tongue, Daum is a shrewd tactician who has a reputation for being devoted to his job.

The 38-year-old East German-born coach may have made the most embarrassing mistake of his career in Leeds last month which forced UEFA to order a replay of the first-round tie after Stuttgart had originally won on the away-goals rule.



Stuttgart v Leeds in action from the Champions' Cup. Aussie-born Tony Dorigo is on the right.

kicked in an advertising board.

The tall, moustachioed trainer is very much in the mould of the English coach Brian Clough.

Like the Nottingham Forest manager in his younger days at Derby in the 1970's he does not hesitate to express controversial views in public.

The way his eyes furiously dart about when he is listening to a question from reporters portrays an almost permanent look of rage, even when he is calm inside.

He spits out his words of wisdom at a similarly furious pace.

Daum, who coached FC Kolin before moving to Stuttgart in November 1990, says his provocative pre-match

statements, which are sometimes critical of opposing teams, help promote soccer because they give the game an element of theatre.

"I don't want to be a colourless manager," he said. "The environment is short of emotion. It needs a wild man."

Yet despite this arrogant image Daum, like Clough, is renowned for his great ability to motivate players.

In last year's nail-biting race for the German league title with Borussia Dortmund and Eintracht Frankfurt, Daum helped his team keep their nerve and seal the championship on the final day of the season.

Some observers say his character relates to his tough childhood.

His father, a coal miner, left him in the Communist East with his grandmother while he went off to the former West Germany to

search for a home.

After his father died he was just six, Daum, who initially wanted to become a school teacher, had to learn quickly how to make his way in the world.

As a coach he is known as a workaholic who borders on fanaticism.

"I have to show the people that I am the kind of man who would walk through fire for them," he once said.

Ironically, after the biggest moment of his life last season when VfB won the Bundesliga, Daum showed a new side to his character by retiring to the dressing rooms and crying alone while the celebrations continued on the pitch.

"It all overwhelmed me. I cried a bit," he said.

"The title is proof that you can also achieve things by painstaking work.

"I'm not just a talker," he said.

DUTCH CLUB FEYENOORD ROTTERDAM HAS APPEALED TO FANS TO STOP CHANTING RACIST SLOGANS AND SONGS.

The club was warned and fined about \$6,500 by UEFA over racist behaviour by spectators at an European Cupwinners' Cup tie at home to Israeli club Hapoel Petah Tikva last month, the club's general manager Fred Blankemeijer said.

Fans at the league match against Volendam were given a letter, branding the behaviour at the Hapoel match as "shameful".

But the English champions faced a German side which had been well briefed and motivated about their task in Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium.

The tags that the German media have attached to Daum in his short career as a top-class coach are self-explanatory: "Big mouth", "the Bundesliga's megaphone" and "King of the clinches".

He took little time in making his first faux pas this season when he said VfB used clenbuterol — the much-publicised steroid which led to several athletes being banned from the Barcelona Olympics — to help players recover from injury.

Daum later explained his comments by saying he was not a medical expert and had mixed up a few things but the German Football Union is investigating the affair.

They are also looking into an incident last month when Daum

HERE AND THERE

- Mechelen's Swedish striker Kennet Andersson has been sold to Bayer Uerdingen of the German Bundesliga after failing to impress Newcastle while training in England earlier this month.
- Tonino Cerezo is on the verge of returning to Brazil after a long stint in Italy with Sampdoria. He is expected to sign soon with Copa Libertadores winners Sao Paulo and is likely to be in their side for the Toyota Cup match against Barcelona on December 13.
- Larbi Ben Barek, one of the greatest African players of all time, has died in Morocco at the age of 75 from a heart attack. Ben Barek moved to France in 1937 and became an instant sensation with Marseille. His career was interrupted by World War II, but he was still playing for France as late as 1954. He died in poverty and in total obscurity.

SWEDISH SUPREMO

SWEDISH supreme Tommy Svensson wants a crackdown on clubs who make life a misery for national team managers.

Graham Taylor and Arrigo Sacchi were amongst sympathetic listeners when Svensson launched his appeal at a Paris meeting of Europe's top eight national managers.

The Sweden boss hit out at foreign clubs who try to prevent their players from flying home to play in internationals.

A plea to UEFA to get tough with clubs was later issued on behalf of all the European Championship managers.

Amongst other changes the super eight called for are: an extra day's rest between matches; and end to the automatic suspension of players who are booked twice; an extension of each squad of 21 players to allow a third keeper to be included.

BRIAN'S SHEER BLISS

FORMER United States international mid-fielder Brian Bliss has changed clubs in Germany, and will once again try to help a team win promotion to the Bundesliga.

Bliss, 26, was released by Second Division FC Chemnitz after not being used during the second half of the 1991-92 season.

He now plays for FC Carl Zeiss Jena of the German Second Division.

His new team is doing very well.

Bliss, who has been moved to the stopper position, was selected by kicker sportmagazine to its select team on three occasions.

The former Southern Connecticut State star played 36 matches for the US from 1984 to 1990, including one game at the 1990 World Cup.

He refused to sign a 60-day extension to his US Federation contract in early 1991, and began his foreign career with East German First Division club Energie Cottbus.

Carl Zeiss Jena is the third former East German team for which Bliss has played.



ABOVE — ROBERT PROSINECKI: his 1991/92 injury-plagued season behind him, he is starring for Real Madrid as his career is finally back on track. BELOW — Prosinecki's former Yugoslav national team-mate ZVONIMIR BOBAN: his appearance for AC Milan have been, at best, fleeting this season.



Auf Wieder Sehen, Rudi ...

FOR the past decade there has been no need to look in the match programme at German internationals to check the name of the No. 9.

Striker Rudi Voeller's enthusiastic fans chanted it every time he went near the ball.

Cries of "Rudi, Rudi" have been part of Germany's games for most of the 1980s and early 1990s.

Not since the first name of the legendary Uwe Seeler echoed around grounds in the 1960s has a German player been worshipped in such a way.



BERTI VOGTS

But the colourful era ended in Dresden on October 14 when the 32-year-old striker earned his 85th and last cap for his country in a friendly against Mexico which ended 1-1, with Voeller the scorer.

Even though he still believes he is the best man for the job, the Marseille forward has decided not to bid for a place in the 1994 World Cup side because he is too old.

"I still can't see anybody better than me but 10 years in the number nine shirt is enough," Voeller said.

"Germany have no World Cup qualifying games ... I'm 32 and age is football's enemy. Enough is enough."

The early 90s have always been a difficult time for strikers because they can lose the sharpness and speed off the mark which is so important for success at the top level.



MATTHAUS

Voeller's pace has always been a major part of his game.

He will not be missed by the fans just because of his ability in front of goal — he has scored 44 times — but also for the way he makes goals for others through blistering runs down the flanks.

Germany's major soccer names are also unhappy at the disappear-

ance of a leading player who helped the national team to their 1990 World Cup triumph.

World Cup coach Franz Beckenbauer says Voeller is wrong to retire so early.

Present national trainer Berti Vogts has indicated he would still like the option of calling up the forward for the next World Cup in the United States.

"I have always told my players that they shouldn't pack it in too early," Beckenbauer said.

"I think Rudi Voeller's decision has come too early. He should think it over again because the German team needs a player like him."

Vogts added: "If we have problems in two years, I would like to take him to the United States as the joker in my pack."

For many it was sad that Voeller was forced to make an early exit from his last major appearance at an international event, June's European Championship.

Voeller, captain in the absence of Lothar Matthaus broke his arm in Germany's opening match.

Voeller made his international debut during difficult times for the former West Germany in November 1982, coming on as a substitute in a 1-0 defeat by Northern Ireland in Belfast in a European championship qualifier.

"You always had the feeling that you were coming home."



RUDI VOLLER

Voeller admits he will miss the atmosphere of the international game.

"I always feel good in the national team — the other players, Beckenbauer and now Vogts."

"You always had the feeling that you were coming home."

"I'll miss that," he said.

As champions, Germany do not need to

qualify for the next World Cup and Vogts can find his new striking combination without the pressure of qualifying games.

But there is a feel in some quarters of the German game that Voeller, who gets on well with Matthaus, may well return if Vogts needs an old head in 1994.

ENGLISH COACHES have launched a blistering attack on the state of the game in South Africa and the national side's poor World Cup performance.

Two have gone out on a limb to say the national manager should be sacked.

"This chap is completely out of his depth," said one. "We want to get rid of him," said another.

"He hasn't got half the credibility of blokes like me and Terry Paine."

Poor standards of play, falling gates, the trade had a depressingly familiar ring to it.

Except the coaches in question were former Charlton Athletic stalwart Roy Matthews and former West Ham and England international Johnny 'Budgie' Byrne.

And they weren't talking about England and Graham Taylor, but South Africa and its beleaguered manager Solly 'Screamer' Shabala.

Matthews, Byrne, and former Southampton and England international Terry Paine spearheaded a band of English professionals in South and southern Africa.

Others include ex-Ipswich midfielder Michael D'Alessandro, newly-appointed player-manager-coach of Johannesburg side Moroko Swallows, and former Wolves Ipswich and

Watford manager Bill McGarry, head of coaching in Bophuthatswana, a black homeland.

The national squad has suffered three defeats since its return in August to international soccer — 4-1 away to Zimbabwe and 1-0 at home to Zambia in the African Nations' Cup and 4-0 away to Nigeria in the World Cup.

Byrne, who played 11 times for England before a broken leg ended his international career just before the 1966 World Cup, said:

"We have enough ability in the country to do a far better job."

The national side is making absolute fools of us. You need somebody who knows the game, so when you're in trouble during the game you can make the adjustments," said Byrne, who managers pacesetters Hellenic of Cape Town.

The football set-up was a 'bit of a disaster', he said, urging administrators to cut the premier Castle League down from 22 teams — 'crazy for this part of the world' — to 16, ushering in fulltime professionalism.

Paine, who has one year to run on his contract with Castle League side Wits University, said: 'Prospects for the game here are quite poor. We're just running around in circles.'

The current crop of players were long on

ball skills but short on team discipline and footballing know-how, he said.

"The trouble with the present generation is that they've got so many bad habits it's going to be difficult for them to change."

What was needed was a national director of coaching to nurture players from an early age.

And then there's facilities — or lack of them.

Paine said that before a recent top flight game against Ratnang at Newcastle in Natal, players had to shoo cows off the pitch.

Matthews, manager of Jomo Cosmos, believes South Africa is going through the kind of bad patch that afflicts every soccer nation from time to time.

International contact would help, he said.

"When multi-racial football first started, the white teams were pulverising the black teams, but within a couple of years black teams were doing it to

FOOTNOTE. South Africa saved some face when they finally broke the ice with a 1-0 World Cup qualifying win over Congo in Johannesburg, but there's still a long way to go and it will be difficult for them to qualify for the World Cup or African Nations' Cup finals.



Jubilant Danish players on the victors' rostrum at Euro-92. That's all in the past now as Denmark have failed to win their first three World Cup qualifiers.

LATEST OVERSEAS RESULTS

FRANCE

Pans St G	2 Nimes	3
Valencennes	3 Auxerre	3
Caen	1 Monaco	0
Sociaux	2 Marseille	2
Montpellier	2 Bordeaux	0
Metz	0 Toulon	0
Toulouse	1 Le Havre	0
Strasbourg	4 Lens	1
Lille	1 Lyon	1

STANDINGS

Nantes	20
	19
	17
	16
S Etienne	15
Montpellier	15
Bordeaux	14
...	13
Strasbourg	13

POLAND

S Wroclaw	1 G Zabrze	0
W Krakow	6 J Bielystok	3
Z Bydgoszcz	3 O Poznan	0
P Szczecin	0 Z Lubin	0
G Zabrze	1 W Lodz	2
S Bytom	1 Warszawa	2
Katowice	1 P Chorzow	1
LKS Lodz	3 Tarnobrzeg	0
L Poznan	0 S Mielec	0

STANDINGS

Lech Poznan	23
LKS Lodz	22
Widzew Lodz	20
Ruch Chorzow	19
L Warszawa	19

GERMANY

VFB Stuttgart	2 B Munich	3
Saarbruecken	3 B Dortmund	1
Muenchen	0 Hamburg	0
Bochum	1 Kaiserslautern	3
Nuremberg	2 Cologne	1
Schalke	1 Hertha Berlin	1
B Leverkusen	0 D Dresden	0
W Bremen	3 W'scheid	0

STANDINGS

B Munich	18
E Frankfurt	16
B Leverkusen	16
W Bremen	16
B Dortmund	15
Karlsruhe	14
VFB Stuttgart	13
Nuremberg	13
Schalke	12

ARGENTINA

Newell's OB	0 Boca Juniors	0
River Plate	2 G Esgrima	0
F C Oeste	2 Racing Club	1
Huracan	1 Platense	2
V Sarsfield	2 D Mandiyu	2
B C Cordoba	0 T. Cordoba	0
S M Tucuman	0 Lanus	0
Est de La Plata	6 R. Central	1
Independiente	1 Argentinos	0
D Espanol	0 S Amagro	2

ENGLAND

Aston Villa	2 QPR	0
Charlton	0 Birmingham	0

PREMIER LEAGUE

Aston Villa	2 QPR	0
Charlton	0 Birmingham	0

DIVISION ONE

Charlton	0 Birmingham	0
DEAN Saunders was on target once again as Aston Villa beat Queen's Park Rangers 2-0 and moved into third place in the English Premier Soccer		

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NEWS FROM THE UK

Manchester knocked out of League Cup

A 75th minute goal by Aston Villa's Welsh International Dean Saunders sent holders Manchester United crashing out of the English League Cup 1-0 last week.

United had lost only twice in the competition in 20 matches. Their last defeat coming in the 1991 final won by Sheffield Wednesday.

Alan Shearer helped Premier League leaders Blackburn reach the fourth round for the first time for 25 years when he scored his

16th goal of the season in the 2-0 home win over Norwich.

Nottingham Forest, four times winners of the League Cup and losing finalists last season, scraped home 1-0 over third division Crewe with an 84th minute goal from Iceland international Thorvaldur Orlygsson.

FA Cup holders Liverpool registered only their second clean sheet of the season in a 0-0 draw at Sheffield United, who beat them in the League earlier this season.

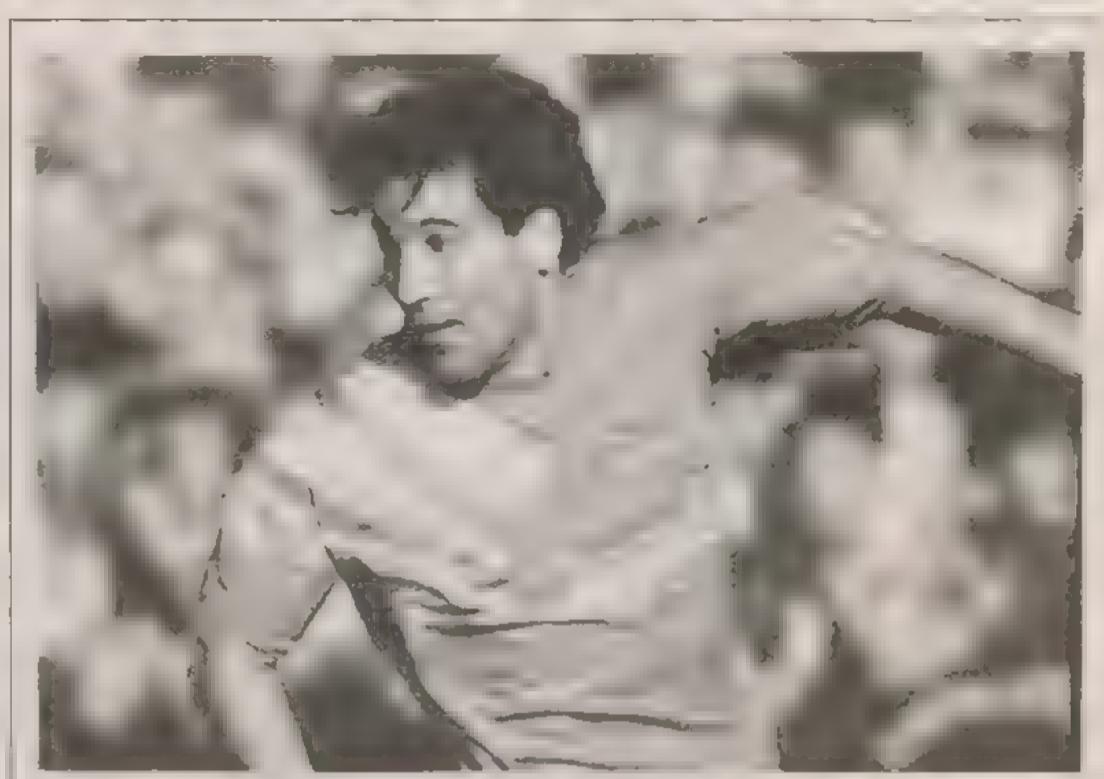
Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar made amends for a string of erratic

clearances with a spectacular save in the 38th minute when he palmed a shot over the bar.

Tottenham, who have yet to win away in the league this season, won 1-0 at Manchester City, Vinny Samways scoring his first goal of the season.

North London rivals Arsenal had a scare at First Division Derby when they were forced to come from behind to earn a replay.

Paul Simpson put Derby ahead with a 72nd minute penalty. Kevin Campbell equalised four minutes later.



Dean Saunders

ALL THE RESULTS FROM BRITAIN

ENGLISH

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	1	Sheffield Utd.	2				
Everton	1	Manchester C.	3				
Leeds	2	Coventry	2				
Manchester U.	0	Wimbledon	1				
Norwich	1	M'brighton	1				
Nottingham F.	0	Ipswich	1				
Sheffield Wed.	0	Blackburn	0				
Southampton	1	Oldham	0				
Tottenham	2	Liverpool	0				
Wolverhampton	0	Derby	2				

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ENGLISH

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brentford	5	Bristol City	1				
Bristol Rovers	1	Midwall	0				
Cambridge	2	West Ham	1				
Grimsby	3	Portsmouth	0				
Leicester	2	Newcastle	1				
Luton	2	Southend	2				
Oxford	1	Watford	1				
Sunderland	2	Notts C.	2				
Swindon	1	Barnsley	0				
Wolverhampton	0	Derby	2				

ENGLISH

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burnley	0	Stoke	2				
Chester	2	Brighton	1				
Exeter	1	Fulham	2				
Hartlepool	2	Bradford	0				
Hull	1	West Brom	2				
Leyton O.	4	Swansea	2				
Port Vale	2	Blackpool	1				
Preston	2	Bolton	2				
Reading	3	Plymouth	0				
Rotherham	2	Mansfield	0				
Wigan	0	Bournemouth	0				
Stockport	5	Huddersfield	0				

ENGLISH

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brent	3	Crewe	2				
Bury	1	York	1				
Cardiff	3	Scunthorpe	0				
Carlisle	2	Scarborough	2				
Chesterfield	2	Rochdale	3				
Darlington	1	Lincoln	1				
Gillingham	0	Torquay	2				
Hereford	3	Halifax	0				
Northampton	0	Shrewsbury	0				
Walsall	3	Doncaster	1				
Colchester	2	Wrexham	0				

SCOTTISH

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Airdrieonians	1	Aberdeen	2				
Dundee Utd.	1	Hibernian	0				
Hearts	1	Dundee	0				
Partick	1	Falkirk	2				

Cowdenbeath 1 Morton 3

Meadowbank 1 Kilmarnock 1

Raih 4 Dumbarton 1

Stirling 0 St Mirren 1

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Albion	0	East Fife	5				
Clyde	2	Berwick	0				
Forfar	0	Brechin	1				
Montrose	1	Alos	4				
Queen o' South	0	Sten'muir	1				
Queens Pk.	4	East Stirlng	2				
Stranraer	1	Arbroath	0				

ALL YOUR TABLES FROM ENGLAND

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn	1	7	6	1	24	9	27
Norwich	8	3	3	2	25	27	
Queen's Park Rangers	11	6	5	2	20	13	23
Leeds	13	7	4	2	17	12	23
Coventry	13	6	5	3	18	15	23
Aston Villa	13	7	6	2	21	15	21
Manchester United	14	7	6	2	20	18	21
Ipswich	14	7	6	2	20	18	20
Manchester City	14	7	6	2	20	19	20
Chelsea	14	7	6	2	20	19	20
Mid. esbrough	14	7	6	2	20	19	20
Leeds	14	7	6	2	20	19	20
Sheffield Wednesday	14	7	6	2	20	19	20
Leicester	14	7	6	2	20	19	20
Southampton	14	7	6	2	20	19	20
Everton	14	7	6	2	20	19	20
Crystal Palace	14	7	6	2	20	19	20
Nottingham Forest	14	7	6	2	20	19	20

ENGLISH 1ST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle							

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Souness hits the deck

LIVERPOOL soccer manager Graeme Souness has been banned for five matches by UEFA after he "grossly insulted" the Swedish referee during the Reds' recent Cup-Winners' Cup clash against Spartak Moscow.

And his goalkeeper, Zimbabwean Bruce Grobbelaar, is out for one match after he was sent off in the October 22 Moscow clash for a professional foul and he will miss the return leg in Anfield tomorrow.

UEFA's disciplinary committee met in emergency session to consider Souness' outburst towards referee Rune Larsson and meted out swift justice.

Earlier, spokesman Gordon Savage said the least Souness could expect was a ban from the touchline for the return leg.

He said: "We received the referee's report and Mr Souness' words were very bad and insulting so we have no option but to take strong measures in order to prevent similar actions by other coaches — because he should be an example to his team."

"I can't say what he actually said because it was so bad, and it went on for so long. He had started even before the penalty incident, and the sending off!"

The ban does not apply to Premier League matches. A Football Association spokeswoman said: "It is a UEFA ban governing their competitions and we will not be getting involved."

If Liverpool is knocked out this week — it lost the first leg 4-2 — the ban will remain with Souness until he returns to European action.

The Anfield boss is no stranger to disciplinary hearings and was previously banished from the touchline when he managed Glasgow Rangers.



GRAEME SOUNESS

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UNITED BOSS FACES FINE

MANCHESTER United boss Alex Ferguson is the latest high profile UK soccer manager to face disciplinary action over comments made to a referee.

The Football Association has confirmed Ferguson faces a misconduct charge for comments made to Liverpool referee John Richardson during a reserve team match against Sunderland at Bury's Gigg Lane ground on October 1.

The case will be heard at an FA disciplinary commission next month with Ferguson facing a fine and a warning about his future conduct.

Durie appeals against ban for cheating!

SCOTTISH international Gordon Durie, branded a cheat after the Football Association banned him for three matches for feigning injury, has appealed against the sentence, an FA spokesman said.

The ban was due to begin on November 2, but is being set aside pending the appeal, which will probably take place at the end of the month, spokesman David Bloomfield said.

The Tottenham striker was charged after he dramatically collapsed following a 65th minute clash with Coventry City's Andy Pearce in a Premier League match at White Hart Lane on August 19.

He was booked by referee Dermot Gallagher, who considered he was play-acting and reported the matter to the FA.

Pearce issued a statement admitting that there had been a clash of heads, but the FA hearing still decided, after studying film of the incident, that Durie had over-reacted.



GORDON DURIE

LEAGUE CUP DRAW

DRAW for the fourth round of the English League Cup made last week:

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Qualifiers

Russkies deep freeze

RUSSIA, hampered by a frozen, snow-covered pitch, struggled to a 2-0 victory over Luxembourg, but it was enough to lift the side to the top of its World Cup qualifying group.

Sergei Yuran, the Ukrainian striker who opted to play for Russia and scored the winner in their previous match against Iceland, was on target again for his adopted nation after just four minutes.

Yuran, the Benfica player who won 16 caps with the former Soviet Union and CIS, drove home his shot after Luxembourg goalkeeper John Van Rijswijk could only block a previous effort.

The second goal in the European group five qualifier came from Dmitri Radchenko in the 23rd minute.

Russia, who head the group on goal difference from Greece, was never comfortable with the conditions as temperatures plunged to minus seven degrees Celsius.

They had tried to switch the match from the National Stadium to Torpedo Moscow's ground which has a

heated pitch.

Luxembourg, who declined the switch, went close to scoring twice but was denied by the crossbar.

In the 40th minute, Jeff Saibene lobbed a shot over goalkeeper Stanislav Cherchesov onto the crossbar.

Midway through the second half, Guy Heijnen forced his way into the penalty area past two defenders, but his final shot from close range was lashed against the bar.

Only 2,000 fans watched the match after police had originally barred all spectators because they considered the ice-covered stadium was too dangerous.

But matchmen outside the ground relaxed just before the kick-off, allowing those waiting into the stadium, according to Russian television.

SCORERS: Yuran (4m), Radchenko (23m). **CROWD:** 2,000.

STANDINGS

P	W	D	L	F A
Russia	2	2	0	3 0 4
Greece	2	2	0	2 0 4
Hungary	2	1	0	1 4 2
Iceland	2	1	0	3 2 4
Luxembourg	2	0	2	0 5 0



CUP STAR IGOR DOBROVOLSKI DURING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Kiwi dates

AUSTRALIA and New Zealand will play the final rounds of the World Cup Oceania qualifying section on the weekends of May 29-30 and June 5-6 next year.

The Australian Soccer Federation said the May match would be played in New Zealand and the June game in Australia at venues to be named later.

Australia and New Zealand finished on top of their groups in the preliminary rounds of the Oceania competition.

The winner of the final play-offs will meet the winner in the North and Central America CONCACAF home and away matches, with the winner of that series to play the fourth-placed South American team to win the right to play in the 1994 World Cup.



KIWI IRONSIDE

A Turkey scramble

TURKEY scored three goals in the final six minutes to beat lowly San Marino 4-1 in its group two World Cup qualifier in Ankara last week.

The closing burst avoided a humiliating draw for the Turks.

Part time Bacciochi's equaliser in the 53rd minute was only San Marino's second international goal since receiving recognition from FIFA in 1988, and its first from open play.

Tecimer Hakan had opened the scoring for Turkey in the 37th minute, but the homeside was unable to extend its advantage against the Minnows, seen as the punching bag of group two which also

includes Norway, Poland, England and Holland.

As the 17,000 spectators grew impatient at Turkey's inability to force home the advantage, San Marino's goal threatened to inflict the worst result on the side, still winless in the group.

Bacciochi, a clothes shop assistant, was the culprit, slipping home the equaliser during a goal-mouth scramble.

They were beaten by

minutes later — and fifth in six matches — with a header after a free kick rebounded off the goalkeeper's chest.

Mandirali's Hami's speculative shot from outside the area in injury time made it four for the Turks, giving them two points after two matches.

San Marino have three losses to date, after going down 10-1 and 2-0 to Norway in home and away matches. The side's next tie is also at Wembley on March 10.

Turkish manager Sepp Piontek was however dismayed at the team's

performance.

"They are amateurs. We are professionals," he said.

"I don't see how my team can qualify for the finals. I almost died," the German added.

SCORERS: Turkey: Hakan (38m, 89m), Orhan (87m), Hami (90m). San Marino: Bacciochi (53m). **CROWD:** 30,000.

STANDINGS

P	W	D	L	F A
Norway	4	3	1	0 15 2 7
Poland	2	1	1	0 3 2 3
Turkey	2	1	0	1 4 2 2
England	1	0	1	0 1 1 1
Malta	3	0	5	3 1 16 0

NEXT MATCH
England v Turkey,
November 18

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Menotti withdraws resignation

CESAR Menotti has withdrawn his resignation and will continue as coach of the Mexican national team after stepping down for 24 hours.

Cesar Luis Menotti said he had been "confused" by a bitter power struggle to control the Mexican Federation, and had decided to stay on "for the good of football", and guide the Mexican team to the 1994 World Cup in the United States.

"According to the times we're in, yes, it's the best," Menotti told reporters.

Mexican Soccer Federation president Francisco Ibarra, who hired Menotti in August 1991, hailed his decision.

"He just had some doubts," Ibarra said. "But it's good that he made this

decision.

"It's the best thing for football."

Mexico, which reached the quarterfinals at the 1986 World Cup, begins its attempt to reach the 1994 championship round with a second-round qualifying match within the CONCACAF region on November 8 at St Vincent.

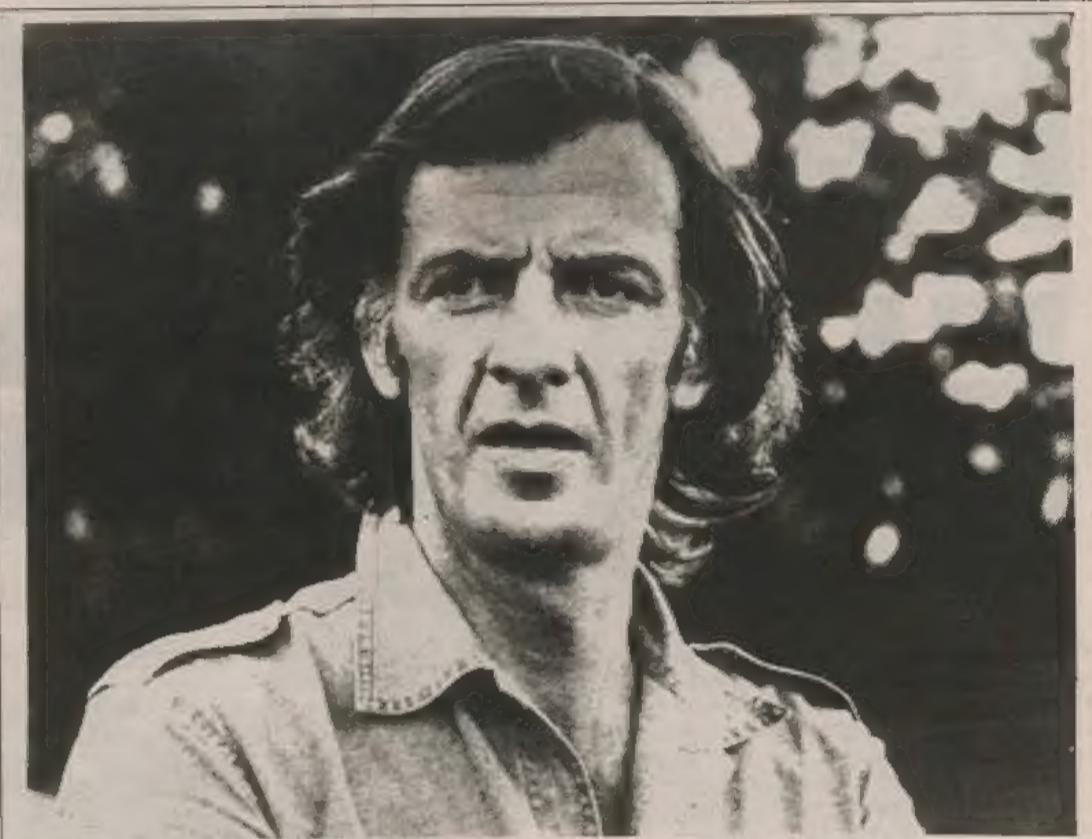
Menotti, an Argentine who coached his country to the World Cup title on home soil in 1978, has been caught in the middle of a struggle for control of the Mexican Federation.

Ibarra is embroiled in a

dispute with the huge Mexican television conglomerate Televisa.

Menotti is seen as Ibarra's man, and Televisa sports commentators have criticised nearly every decision by Menotti, from player selection to team management.

Mexico has had mixed results in exhibition matches against teams from Europe and Central America. Televisa commentators have criticised Menotti for the absence of 34-year-old Hugo Sanchez from the 22-man squad.



MEXICO COACH LUIS MENOTTI

Change on the way?

Israel down

AUSTRIA beat Israel 5-2 (ht 2-0) in a World Cup European group six soccer qualifier.

SCORERS: Austria: Herzog (42m, 45m), Polster (50m), Stoeger (69m), Ogris (83m). Israel: Zohar (53m, 77m). **CROWD:** 20,000.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bulgaria	3	2	0	1	5	2	4
Sweden	2	2	0	0	3	0	4
Austria	2	1	0	1	5	4	2
France	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Israel	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
Finland	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

NEXT MATCH
Israel v Sweden,
November 11



FIFA BOSS SEPP BLATTER

SOCCER's governing body FIFA is considering changes that would turn extra time into a sudden death result during the 1994 World Cup.

Another possible decision is to award teams three points for wins during the first round of the tournament.

Currently, teams get two points for a win during the first round and overtime is always 30 minutes in later rounds, no matter how many goals are scored.

"We want to do everything to make soccer more attractive," FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter said last week.

FIFA is trying to make the often-dull World Cup more exciting and wants to discourage draws.

It tested sudden-death extra time during the European Under-18 championship last July, and will try it next year during World Youth tournaments in Australia and Japan.

Blatter said neither proposal would require approval by the International Football Association Board, which supervises the rules of soccer.



IN TROUBLE: DAVID BATTY

BATTY FACES EURO AGONY

LEEDS 2 COVENTRY 2

A hotly contested goal by Zimbabwean winger Peter Ndlovu came within 15 seconds of inflicting the first home League defeat on English champions Leeds for 30 matches.

Ndlovu gave Coventry a 2-1 lead 12 minutes from the time amid protests that the goal was offside, but Leeds' defender Chris Fairclough forced in an equaliser in the final minute to keep their precious record intact.

To add to Leeds' discomfort, England midfielder David Batty was carried off with an ankle injury which could threaten his participation in tomorrow's European Cup tie with Glasgow Rangers.

The home fans were less than impressed with the refereeing but joined the growing band of admirers of the 19-year-old Ndlovu.

His latest goal, a first-time strike from 20 metres, was his fifth in eight League matches this season but Leeds' players were furious there was no offside flag after Coventry substitute Phil Babb had broken clear and hit a post.

Scottish midfielder Gary McAllister had given Coventry an unexpected lead with an own goal after 12 minutes. Lee Chapman volleyed an equaliser 20 minutes from time.

Ndlovu's effort seemed to have wrapped up the points until Fairclough headed his first goal of the season from a Gordon Chan free-kick.



LEEDS' KEEPER JOHN LUKIC

SWANS PONG!

LEYTON ORIENT 4 SWANSEA 2

DIVISION Two leaders Swansea had a stinker of a first half and only showed their best when they were 3-0 down.

■ They fought back bravely after Colin Pearce — on loan from Sunderland — pulled a goal back on 60 minutes.

But the Honeside pulled through and restored their three-goal lead when Mark Cooper scored his second on 68 minutes.

■ Swansea were still not beaten and in a spirited late rally Tony Cullen scored their second goal three minutes from time.

Robert Taylor had set up Leyton Orient's win with his two first-half goals.

■ The first came on 19 minutes and his second, two minutes before halftime, was the best of the match.

A curling shot from 25 yards, it gave keeper Roger Freestone no chance.

■ Cooper had put Leyton Orient three up two minutes into the second half.

WILKO'S A WONDER

NORWICH 1 MIDDLESBROUGH 1

PAUL Wilkinson tried in vain to lift seven weeks of Middlesbrough gloom.

But even an inspired personal performance and his eighth Premier League goal of the season were still not enough to end Boro's miserable run.

Boro won four of their first seven Premier League games but have now played the next seven without a victory.

Wilkinson re-emerged from a quiet spell and looked to have won the match when he headed home a Jimmy Phillips cross after 65 minutes.

Seven weeks and eight games is a long time without celebration, and Wilkinson and the Boro supporters reacted accordingly.

The roar was nearly as loud as

when Newcastle's struggle at Leicester was broadcast over the PA system.

That joy turned to disbelief four minutes from time, though, when Daryl Sutch struck his first senior goal to hand Norwich a point.

Boro could have had the game wrapped up by then. Willie Falconer, returning from a six game absence, was stopped from scoring by a desperate late Chris Sutton challenge, after running 60 yards with the ball.

Boro lacked the killer instinct that is needed to take them further up the table but manager Lennie Lawrence has instilled grit and guts into this side and they will certainly be in the Premier League for a few seasons to come.

ABSW Best: Wilkinson.

Chelsea skipper is right Andy Capt

CHELSEA 1 SHEFFIELD UTD 2

UNITED punished a lacklustre Chelsea to record their first away win of the season at Stamford Bridge.

Adrian Littlejohn fired home United's first in the 40th minute after Chelsea skipper Andy Townsend gave the ball away.

Townsend levelled a minute later with a piercing low drive.

Brian Deane slotted home a close-range winner in the 51st minute, after Littlejohn robbed keeper Hitchcock.

ABSW Best: Beesley.

EVERTON 1 MANCHESTER CITY 3

EVERTON old boy Peter Reid returned to Goodison to deepen his former pals' agony.

City got off to the perfect start after only 11 minutes with a goal from Mike Sheron.

Seven minutes later, David White's stunning drive made it 2-0.

Reid made his 500th League appearance in the second half and on the hour, Sheron hit number three. Ian Brightwell headed into his own net in 68 minutes to give Everton hope.

ABSW Best: Sheron.

FOREST 0 IPSWICH 1

FOREST fell for the classic trick-or-treat to remain spellbound at the bottom of the Premier League.

John Dozzell sentenced Brian Clough's side to their eighth defeat in 14 games by grabbing Ipswich's winner with their only genuine chance of the game after just five minutes.

ABSW Best: Baker.

SOUTHAMPTON 1 OLDHAM 0

HUNDREDS of Southampton fans demonstrated against boss Ian Branfoot despite a first League win at The Dell since August.

Branfoot had to endure boozing and 'Branfoot out' banners before the game and at half time.

An inspired Matthew Le Tissier had set up Richard Hall's headed winner in a superb second-half spell which left Oldham reeling.

ABSW Best: Le Tissier.

KELLY'S CLASS

TONY Kelly pounced to help CARDIFF to a 3-0 win over Scunthorpe.

Kelly, on loan from Stoke, hit a second half goal after Nathan Blake had given the Welsh side the lead just before the break.

Paul Ramsey struck the third from the penalty spot after Carl Dale was brought down in the area.

Marcus Browning proved his worth for HEREFORD as they beat Halifax 3-0.



The striker, on loan from Bristol Rovers, snapped up two first half goals to give Hereford their best win in over a year.

And his double strike

took his tally to an impressive six in five matches.

He headed Hereford in from after just five minutes and then three minutes before the break fired home from close range.

Central defender Gareth Davies headed the other from Derek Hall's corner, his first-ever goal in the Barclays League.

Two second-half goals from Adrian Foster saw TORQUAY to a 2-0 win at Gillingham.

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Gary needs a big game

Gary McAllister's future at Leeds could depend on blasting Rangers out of the European Cup this week.

McAllister, who put through his own net for Coventry's first goal in Saturday's 2-2 draw, is ready to negotiate another contract at Elland Road when the present one runs out next

summer.

Wednesday's nerve-tangling second leg with the Scottish kings could be crucial to any new deal.

VITAL

But Leeds' hopes took a bit of knock last week when Leeds' Howard Wilkinson seemed ready to write David Batty out of his plans for Wednesday

when the England midfield man suffered an injury against Coventry.

If Leeds overturn the 2-1 Ibrox result, they are into the mini-League semi-finals. That would be worth mega-bucks and give Wilkinson extra financial clout to keep Gary on the payroll.

The 27-year-old midfielder signed in a £1 million deal from Leicester

two years ago. That contract is worth £450,000 to him. But he knows he could get more abroad — or even at Ibrox.

McAllister's first-leg goal gives Leeds a mighty chance of entering the big time and even Rangers' fans believe it could be a killer.

Midfield ace Stuart McCall, never a winner at Elland Road, blasts: "Some



Gary McAllister

of our fans thought we had blown it at Ibrox, but we're quietly confident."

WORRY

Batty's possible absence is a big worry for Wilko, who confirmed: "He has an ankle injury and is doubtful."

The injury wasn't considered serious enough

to take him to hospital for an x-ray but Wilkinson added ominously that the injury included "a twist".

The all-ticket game is on nationwide TV and closed to Rangers fans, but Leeds police will monitor all motorway approaches and will man a cordon round the ground, denying access to all but ticketholders.

BE FIRST! RANGERS GET RAY OF HOPE

FORMER Ibrox star Ray Wilkins has one simple tip for Rangers at Elland Road:

"Score first and you're through!"

The QPR midfielder, capped 84 times by England, has figures to back him up — since Walter Smith took over at Ibrox in April 1991, the Scottish champions have NEVER lost a match after scoring first.

You have to go back to September 1990 — 118 games ago — to find the last time they lost from the front.

Wilkins, 36, says confidently: "Rangers undoubtedly have the firepower to score at Elland Road. And if they do, it will be very, very difficult for Leeds to survive."

"When I was at Ibrox, I always felt that if we scored first, we would go on and win the game."

SUPERPOWER

"We played Leeds at home on Saturday, and I felt they played very well. But we pummelled them, just as Rangers did in the first-half of the first leg — and we got the victory."

"Leeds have been losing goals lately, and I don't feel their present form is an irrelevance going into the tie. Rangers CAN score against them."

"What Leeds are finding is that they're now in Rangers' league as a superpower every team wants to wallop."

"A lot has been said about how the atmosphere will be at Elland Road. But I don't think it'll matter much. It is undergoing renovation, after all. And there's no way Rangers will find Elland Road as oppressive as Ibrox was to Leeds."

"But quite apart from that, Rangers are professional to their fingertips."

"You won't find a more partisan crowd anywhere than you get at Celtic's Parkhead ground — and Rangers go there and cope."

"Because of the ban on away fans, people say there won't be any Rangers' supporters at Elland Road on Wednesday."

"But I don't believe that for a minute."

"Knowing the Ibrox supporters as I do, I'm certain some of them will find their way there."

"They might be wearing Leeds club scarves. They might have had to go to Leeds to get their tickets."

"But they'll be there, I'm certain of that."

And the veteran's verdict on who'll go into Friday's draw for the mega-bucks final stages?

He says: "I have a feeling for Rangers — but they're going to know they've been in a game!"

Eur in trouble



Bruce Grobbelaar

DAVID Hirst and under-fire keeper Bruce Grobbelaar may not play in Europe again this season even if Sheffield Wednesday and Liverpool go all the way to the finals.

Wednesday's Hirst and Liverpool's Grob miss Wednesday's home Euro legs with Kaiserslautern and Spartak Moscow after being sent off in the first matches.

* But that may not be the end of their troubles. They are under threat of tougher bans.

UEFA's disciplinary chiefs meet again on November 12 to review every major playing crime reported over the two legs and could impose anything up to six-month bans.

* Wednesday secretary Graham Mackrell said: "They have the right to impose further punishment and we can only make written representations in David's defence."

Hirst faces extra trouble even though Kaiserslautern virtually admitted after winning 3-1 that Marco Haber was play-acting when he collapsed after clashing with the striker.

* And Grobbelaar looked as if he was going for the ball when Spartak's Dmitri Radchenko went down in the penalty

Grob, Hirst facing new UEFA threat

area during the 4-2 Cup-winners' Cup defeat.

CELTIC's £1.5 million Stuart Slater goes into this week's UEFA Cup clash with Borussia Dortmund haunted by a bout of food poisoning that lasted FOUR MONTHS!

* Former West Ham star Slater was flattened by a hamburger from a fast-food joint and recalls: "I never thought one burger could do so much damage. I haven't been able to train at Hammers because of it and when I joined Celtic I wasn't fit."

"I've been a bit more like my old self over the last few games, though."

HAT-TRICK ALLY'S READY FOR CRUNCH

★ ALLY McCoist revved up for tomorrow's European 'Grand Prix' crunch meeting against Leeds. He went through the gears in fantastic style for Glasgow Rangers at Ibrox — crashing his fifth hat-trick of the season.

★ This latest scoring spree came in the space of just 24 minutes and sent sad Motherwell tumbling 4-2.

Everton's tears....

EVERTON boss Howard Kendall was dripping tears into the Mersey again last weekend. ★ His shot-shy side slumped 3-1 at Goodison to Manchester City, now led by old Blues hero Peter Reid.

City's new slicker Mike Sheron slapped in two and David White ended his goal drought just in time. England's next squad is named on Thursday.

★ Kendall said: "You expect better at a big club. I know I have the quality in my squad but they lack confidence. Missing a penalty killed us."

And he blasted Tony Cottee for criticising his teammates. "Apart from his outburst he would probably have started the game, with Peter Beardsley out with flu."

★ Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest misery drags on. Jason Dozzell landed the only goal for Ipswich.



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NO-GO for Mojo, Everton's star striker rocked by a bug

MO JOHNSTON is at the centre of an Everton health scare.

The \$3.5 million striker has had a hush-hush stay in two Merseyside hospitals lasting six worrying days.

Mojo was subjected to a series of tests before being sent home last Wednesday.

But doctors still seem baffled about what is wrong with the 29 year-old Scot.

A mystery bug is being blamed and manager Howard Kendall says: "Maybe it was a virus that was going round. A number of players have had it."

And he revealed that England men Peter Beardsley and Martin Keon had also been tested.

Johnston was taken ill at his home in Formby last week and driven to hospital in Southport.

Tests proved negative but when he still felt unwell it was decided he should have more at Lourdes, near Everton's training ground.

A relieved Kendall said: "The tests proved negative and he trained on Friday."

It's a setback Mojo could do without. He has struggled to justify his hitman's reputation in 11 months at Goodison.

MOJO IN HEALTH SCARE

Mystery bug KO's Everton star

He has scored only twice this season as Everton have struggled.

And there has been talk that Kendall has already lost patience and tried to sell him in a \$4 million deal for Dundee United's Duncan Ferguson.

PROBLEM

But Johnston insists he wants to see out a lucrative contract which still has two and-a-half years to run.

Mojo's health is just another problem for

Kendall. And he has been rocked by an attack from out-of-favour striker Tony Cottee who said after his 13th axing in two years: "I'm always the scapegoat."

* NORWEGIAN star Tore Andre Dahlum is on trial with Manchester United this week.

But United still sent a two man spy squad to check on Aberdeen's Eoin Jess in last Sunday week's Skol Cup Final.

And they have looked at Huddersfield's Iffy Onuora and the latest star on Wigan's production line - 18-year-old centre back John Robertson.

Schillachi's a hit with no missus!

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TOTO SCHILLACI is proving a hit again in Italy - thanks to a split from his missus!

Schillaci was top scorer in the 1990 World Cup but went half a season without a goal for Juventus last year.

Now, he's back in top form following a move to Inter Milan AND a pending divorce.

The secret of Toto's new-found success was revealed in a letter from his estranged wife Rita to a Turin sports paper.

She wrote: "Toto and I separated in August and he is now playing at the top of his form.

"The truth is that we had nothing in common apart from our

two little children.

"We were both unhappy and there was no dialogue at home.

FAILURE

"We recognised that our union was a failure and therefore decided to part company.

"Our lawyers are concentrating themselves with the necessary details of the separation."

Toto and Rita have two children, Jessica 4, and two-year-old son, Mattia.

During the 1990 World Cup finals, Toto became the hero of Italy with his goal scoring feats.



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